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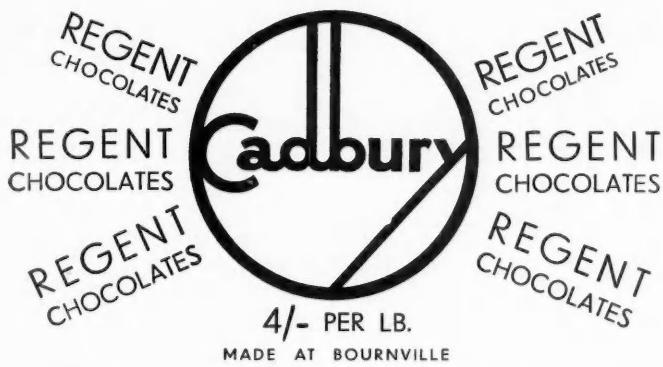
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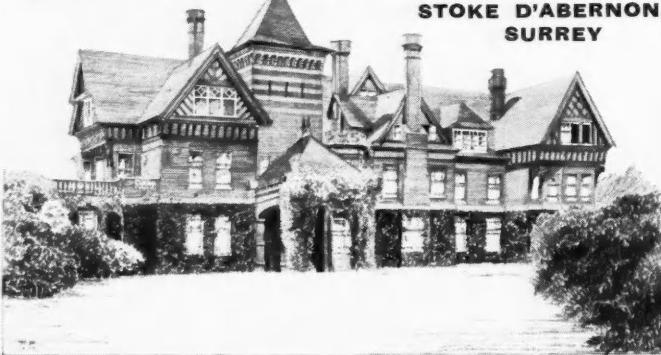
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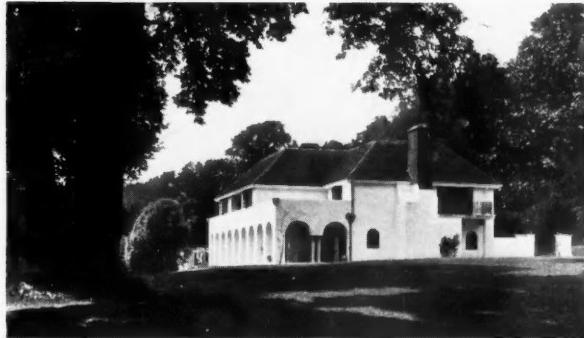
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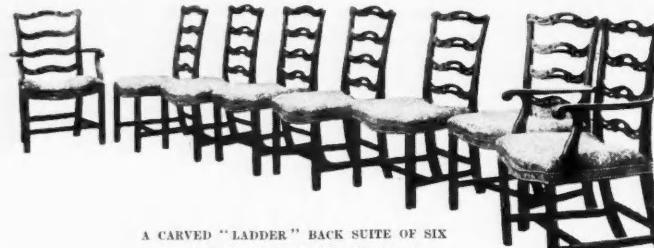
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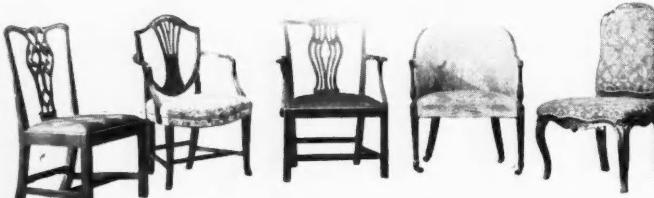
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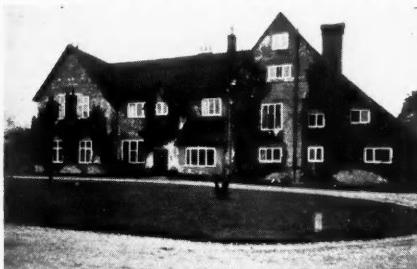
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Well laid-out grounds, with two tennis lawns, orchard and
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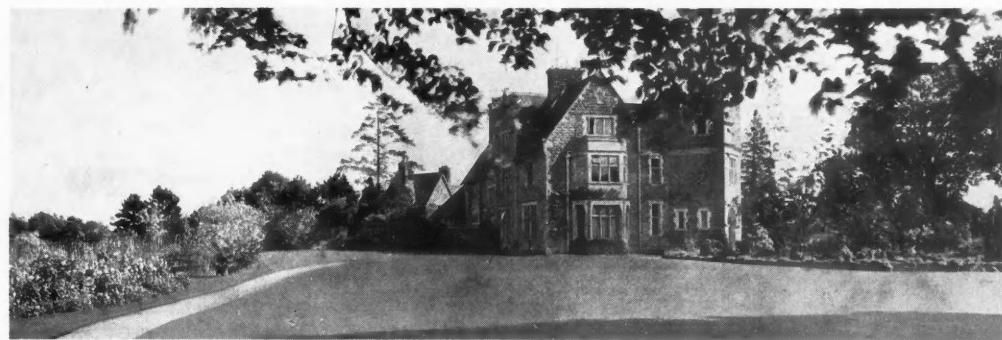
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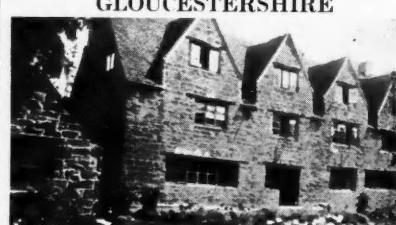
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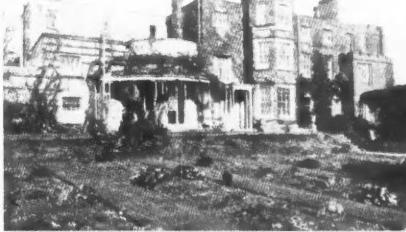
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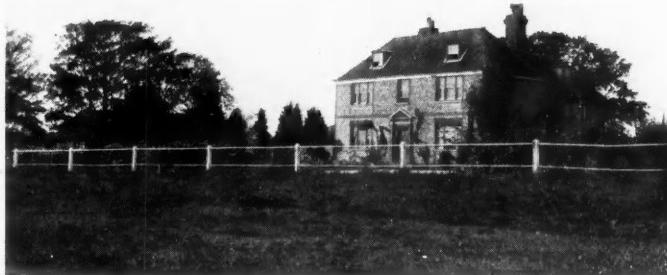
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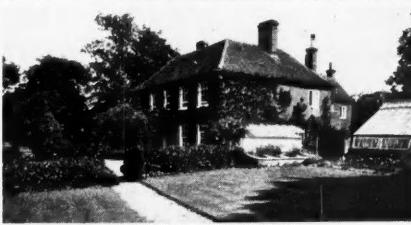
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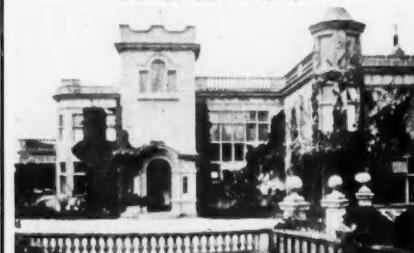
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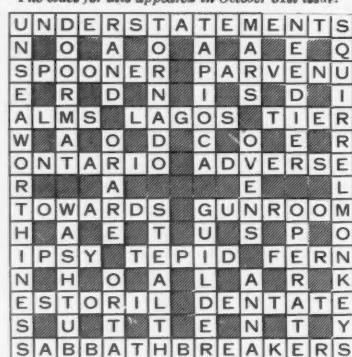
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1. Vocal performance natural to hear on the village green.
5. Stint.
9. A fugitive who may start through his finish.
11. May be inside or outside nowadays.
12. Frequently covered with sawdust.
14. European national whom non - cannibals might devour.
16. Nearly always visible from train windows in daytime.
17. This man deals in it.
18. The start of 23 down will give a clue for this.
20. The readable part of 20 down.
22. And for this reverse the end of 20 down.
23. This silly bird has lost its head and tail.
24. Found in the house or just outside it.
25. See 27.
27. This singular 25 is for valour.
30. Soap liniment.
34. A vale you may find in London.

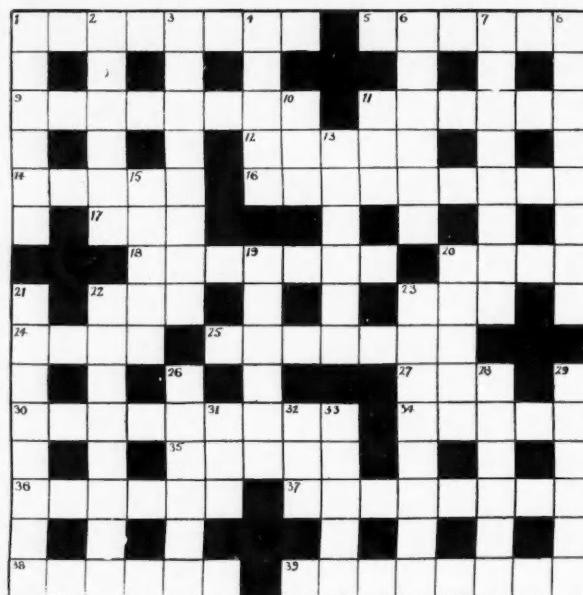
DOWN.

1. Often invisible owing to the trees.
2. Bird that may be caught by its tail.
3. "Meg's nest" (anagr.).
4. A part of Africa.
6. One of two the well dressed man insists on.
7. Apes.
8. A dwarf palm.
10. A London weekly for the profession.
11. Perhaps the commonest word in the language.
13. This is meant to puzzle you.
15. Round and flat these.
19. Is usually honorable across the Channel.
20. A well known opera.
21. Anything but common.
22. Useful to have with you in court.
23. Often obtainable at sales.
26. Part of a wheel.
28. Another opera but in lighter vein.
29. Lying herein was once ascribed to Epsom salts in an epitaph.
31. This den is Dutcl.
32. A month in short.
33. This bore will increase the range.

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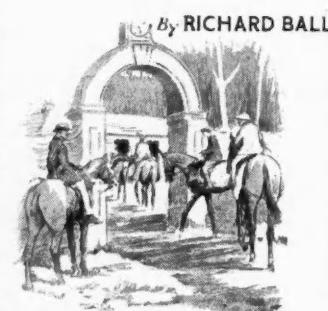
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SALE OF BRITISH FRIESIAN CATTLE AT READING.—Over ninety head of British Friesian cattle were catalogued at a sale held at the Cattle Market, Reading, on Thursday, October 29th, by Messrs. John Thornton and Co. First-class consignments were included from the herds of Mr. D. R. Harding (of Tarrant Rushton, Blandford), the Manningford Estates, Limited (Marlborough) and Mr. E. H. Foreword (of Amersham, Bucks), and entries from other well known breeders. There was a splendid demand throughout, an average of £32 17s. 1d. being obtained for the seventy-nine head disposed of. The chief attraction of the sale were the animals from Mr. Harding's Bowerchalke herd, fifteen of which realised the excellent average of £50 5s. 11d., the best price being 52 guineas for the three year old Bowerchalke Belle 5th, an outstanding specimen that was yielding 61½ lb. of milk daily with the first calf. Captain W. G. Carr of Ditchingham Hall, Norfolk, was the purchaser, and he made many other acquisitions, among them being Bowerchalke Poundrose 5th at 50 guineas, and Bowerchalke Honeymoon 3rd and Bowerchalke Ladysmith at 48 guineas each. Mr. H. M. Martineau from Maldenhead gave 43 guineas for the down-calver Bowerchalke Kitchen maid, and at 40 guineas Mr. T. Osborne, another extensive purchaser, got Bowerchalke Abbess 5th. Other females made up to 43 guineas for the Manningford Estates' Terling Lead 30th, that went to the bid of Mr. A. D. C. Clarke. Bulls realised up to 32 guineas for Sir Ernest S. Wills' ten and a half year old Hache Ceryn Vulcan, that won many prizes, including first at the Sussex Show, 1922. Dr. J. Soutter was the purchaser.

AN INDUSTRY AWAITING DEVELOPMENT.—There is reason to believe that a number of schemes designed to develop home pig production on a large scale are afoot. The success of any one of them must depend upon increased confidence. If farmers could be induced to quote a forward price—which entails confidence, or, in other words, freedom from the fear of eigh dumping—it would not be long before at least a big proportion of the pigs required by our urban population would be forthcoming. It may not be generally known that in one week recently 166,000 pigs were killed in Denmark alone. The majority of these would be required for the English market. The labour, cereals, manure, etc., involved would represent a stupendous figure if interpreted in English pounds. In pig production Britain has an industry waiting to be developed.

KIDMORE ASTER.—In the Pedigree Stock Notes published in the issue of COUNTRY LIFE of October 31st there appeared a photograph of Mr. E. P. F. Sutton's heifer Kidmore Aster, which is considered the best Kerry out this year. Owing to a misprint it was not made clear that this heifer was First and Champion at the Royal Counties Agricultural Show this year.



CHESTER SHORTHORN BREEDERS.—The illustration is of the Duke of Westminster's Eaton Pilot, which made 50 guineas, the top price at the Cheshire Shorthorn Breeders' Show and Sale at Crewe.

AN IMPORTANT EVENT FOR PIG BREEDERS.—The National Pig Breeders' Association's Show and sale of 180 pure-bred pigs at Peterborough on Wednesday, November 18th, is one of the most important events in the pig breeders' calendar. Boars and gilts will be forward from many of the leading herds in England and Scotland, including many actual prizewinners at shows.

held during 1931. Large Whites constitute the principal section of the event, upwards of 100 being catalogued. Middle Whites, Berkshires, Tamworths and Wessex Saddlebacks are about evenly divided, so that a big mustering of breeders from all parts is expected. The judging of the Large Whites will be undertaken by the Association's president, Mr. John E. B. Cowper of Edinburgh. Mr. Cowper has judged twice at the Royal Show as well as at several important exhibitions abroad. Mr. G. W. Layley, Aldermaston, judges the Berkshires, Tamworths and Wessex, while the Middle Whites will be entrusted to Mr. Frank Farquharson of Watford. A feature of the sale will be the young boars fit for service and a special selection of served gilts due to farrow early in January next.

ST. CLERE BAR NONE.—Sir Mark Collett of St. Clere, Kemsing, Kent, has just sold from his well known dairy short-



horn herd the prize-winning yearling bull St. Clere Bar None, for export to South Africa. At the Three Counties Show he won first prize for bulls born on or after May 1st, 1930, also first prize (D.S.A. £10 Special Prize) for bulls born in 1930, D.S. Championship and reserve for Supreme Championship (including beef shorthorns). At the R.A.S.E. Show he won first prize in the April to June class 1930, in which there were twenty-eight entries, and was placed third for Championship. At the Tunbridge Wells Show he won first prize for bulls born in 1930 and was placed second in a class in which all shorthorn bulls competed (including beef), when he was beaten by a two year old beef bull.

DAIRY SHORTHORN ASSOCIATION—The Council of the Dairy Shorthorn Association met at 28, Russell Square, London, Colonel S. E. Ashton (president) in the chair, and discussed, among other important matters, proposals for the extension of the Association's butter-fat testing scheme. It was agreed that an effort to promote a representative dairy shorthorn exhibit at the London Dairy Show in 1932 should be made on the same lines as that which had met with such success in connection with the recent Show. A selection committee was appointed to take action immediately so that members might be encouraged to serve suitable cows for next year's Show. The Council agreed to support the following resolution of the Central Council of the Milk Recording Societies: "In view of the serious outlook for winter milk production, the Council feels strongly that it is essential that a tariff on all foreign milk products should be fixed at once. They recommend that a duty of at least 33½ per cent. should be enforced on all these products." Captain Allen-Stevens agreed to attend on behalf of the Association a conference of breed societies to be convened by the Central Council of Milk Recording Societies to consider the best means of increasing our overseas trade, and especially whether a Central Propaganda Council could function effectively to this end. It was reported that the Standing Joint Committee, composed of delegates from the D.S.A. and the Shorthorn Society, had agreed to recommend that the letter "D" be printed both in the Breeders' Index and in the List of Members published in Coates's Herd Book against the names of those members who are also members of the Dairy Shorthorn Association. This recommendation was made in response to a request for some guide in Coates's Herd Book to the herds of dairy type. It was further agreed to recommend that reference should be made to the Year Book of the Dairy Shorthorn Association, in which the milk records of members' herds could be found, and thus assist all those seeking information about the breed.

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BUYING THINGS OF BEAUTY

THE cult of antiques, it is sometimes maintained, only flourishes in periods which possess little or no creative art. The impulse to collect and the impulse to create are held to be incompatible and mutually exclusive. Such a view is put forward by those who see in the ardour of the collector only a desire to escape from the present, and now that once again art and architecture are undergoing a re-birth they assert that the love of old things, which has come to play such an important part in the life of cultured people, must inevitably diminish.

It does not need much discernment to point out the fallacy underlying this specious argument. No one would deny that we are witnessing the evolution of a new and vital spirit in architecture and design, or that the home of to-day, in its simplicity and efficiency, fulfils present-day needs, both practical and æsthetic. Such signs of a new style, expressing, and at the same time satisfying, our twentieth century ideas, are among the most heartening manifestations of what Hazlitt called "The Spirit of the Age." But new styles and new epochs are not born out of nothing. However devoted we may be to the present or the future, the past holds us in its trammels. The inherited knowledge of generations of craftsmen and artificers cannot lightly be thrown aside, and the new movement, when it has fallen into its proper perspective, will be found, like all new movements in the past, to owe much of its force to the weight of tradition. Good workmanship of every age by a process of natural selection acquires an ever-increasing value, and no one knows better than the experienced collector how naturally the finest examples of the craftsmanship of past generations not only blend

with each other, but take their place in the most modern of surroundings.

To go a stage farther back, we may find in the history of the antique cult a still stronger refutation of the devotee of the present. Collecting did not begin with the connoisseurship of the last fifty years : in western Europe it is at least as old as the Renaissance. At the dawning of the new age it was to the past that men went back for their inspiration and guidance, and the cult of antiquity came into being as the foster-child of classical archæology. In his inaugural lecture at Cambridge last Saturday, Professor A. B. Cook traced the rise and progress of this youngest of the arts. In England its influence first of all was chiefly external and incidental, affecting our architecture and our sculpture. Then arrived the age of the serious Antiquaries, and men woke up "under the stimulus of nascent science, to realise that they lived in a very interesting world, and that life, even local life, had a long history behind it." Until the beginning of last century it was mainly in the fragments of classical antiquity that connoisseurs were interested. The great collections of Greek and Roman sculpture were formed, culminating in Lord Elgin's acquisition of the Parthenon marbles. Long before that, however, Englishmen had come to look back with increasing curiosity at their own artistic inheritance. Men like Matthew Parker, Sir Robert Cotton and William Camden in Elizabethan days formed the first Society of Antiquaries. In building up their great libraries they set out on what we should now call a national campaign for the preservation of the mediæval books and manuscripts which had been scattered at the Reformation. In the eighteenth century the cult extended from books to furniture. Horace Walpole and William Beckford sought for mediæval antiquities to furnish their "Gothick" castles. And so the love of old things went on expanding in ever widening circles, taking in its compass both the work of much more recent centuries and the incredible wealth of the arts of the Far East, of Persia, India and China.

For the last few months the antique trade, along with everything else, has felt the effects of the world slump and the prevailing tightness of money, but it would be idle to interpret this as a sign of waning interest in the heritage of the past. The prices realised at Sotheby's and Christie's have risen, instead of depreciating, and the demand for antiques, whether books, furniture or pictures, shows no indications of lessening. It is true that many people, who a year or two ago spent money in picking up "unconsidered trifles," have for the time being turned from curio-hunting to satisfy more urgent needs ; but others, wise in their generation, have seen that this is an ideal time for judicious buying. What has come to be valued in the past for its inherent beauty is not likely to depreciate in the future, however much fashions may change, and with a return to prosperity, which under a National Government may not be so distant as in pessimistic moods we are apt to think, all who have invested in antiques will be envied by those of their friends who have shown less foresight. And that is to say nothing of the unfailing source of delight, inestimable in pounds, shillings and pence, which comes from the possession of old and beautiful things.

Our Frontispiece

OUR frontispiece this week is a portrait of Lord Mildmay of Flete, whose election last week as President of the Royal Agricultural Society of England was at once an honour due to one whose services to the agriculture of this country have been so many and so distinguished, and a promise of a strong and sane policy on the part of that representative body during his presidency. As representative of Devon on the Council of the Society and on the Veterinary Committee, as a member of the Executive Council of the Royal Veterinary College, and as President of the Hunters Improvement and Light Horse Breeding Society (1922), his public work for agriculture has been varied and strenuous ; he is also well known as a breeder and exhibitor of South Devon cattle. One of his most signal services was that he introduced and carried to its second reading the Agricultural Produce Marks Bill.



COUNTRY NOTES

THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

IT was in exceptional and unprecedented circumstances that His Majesty opened Parliament on Tuesday. The Labour Prime Minister, with the backing of the leaders of the Conservative and Liberal parties, has appealed to the nation, in the words of His Majesty's Speech, for "unfettered discretion" to consider every proposal designed to re-establish confidence in our financial stability, and to secure a favourable balance of trade. The reply of the country has been plain and unambiguous to the point of embarrassment. Never before has a Government been returned with a clearer mandate or a greater responsibility. There are no restrictions imposed upon their plans, and success will be their ultimate and only justification. But the nation which has put them in power must be prepared to aid in every way the measures which they decide to adopt. They must be willing and ready to make sacrifices, they must be prepared, until these shadows are overpast, to sink their differences of opinion, to avoid all factious opposition, and to unite in pursuing the common goal. In a short time now we shall know what are the more immediate steps which the Prime Minister proposes to take. The measure giving statutory effect to the resolutions of the Imperial Conference, which His Majesty announced, will promote that spirit of co-operation among the nations of the Empire which is more than ever necessary at the present moment. In these new times of difficulty the British peoples will not be found unworthy of those to whose nobility and self-sacrifice we have once more paid homage this week.

A GOLFING ENGAGEMENT

MISS JOYCE WETHERED, whose portrait appeared as our frontispiece a few weeks ago, is in the nature of a national possession, and very many people besides those who know her will wish her every happiness on her engagement to Major Cecil Hutchison. Miss Wethered fights no more in great battles, but even as Tom Cribb was allowed to fight no more and call himself champion for the rest of his life, so Miss Wethered will always be the lady champion in the hearts of golfers. There is hardly a male player in this country whose fame does not dwindle beside hers, but Major Hutchison can hold his own at least tolerably well. To-day he takes the game easily, and would probably prefer to play with his *fiancée* as a foursome partner rather than against her in a fierce single, but he was a mighty player before the War. He was one of the stalwarts of the Scottish sides that used regularly to beat England, and his great match at Muirfield in 1909 against Mr. Robert Maxwell is still spoken of with bated breath by those who saw it. It is still set up as a standard by which the play in all other Amateur Championship finals is judged. Both parties to this engagement have many friends in common, as they have interests and pleasures, and all will unite in wishing them happiness.

OXFORD HOPES

AT two at least of the games round which public interest now centres Oxford seem to have bright prospects against Cambridge. Their Rugby football fifteen continues to get many tries with its three-quarter line from America, South Africa and New Zealand, and is clearly settling down into a formidable scoring machine. Cambridge have done some good things, notably against the strong Leicester side, and have a most dangerous individual player in R. W. Smeddle, but the side is as yet more inchoate and more fluctuating than is Oxford's. The Oxford golfers, too, seem at the moment to be the stronger. They have a cheering start in six old blues and both of last year's spare men, while the Cambridge captain has to undertake more of a building-up process. At the same time, Cambridge have one fine win to their credit, namely, that over a team of professionals at Mildenhall. It was not quite so good a team as that which beat Oxford at Southfield (the start of three holes up was, in each case, the same), but it was a decidedly good one and to beat it was an achievement.

BLICKLING HALL LIBRARY

IT is puzzling to know why Lord Lothian has sent the Blickling Hall library to America to be sold. Auction charges are higher in New York, and cataloguing is decidedly not up to the European standard. Of course, the United States has a great reputation for giving long prices for books. But what is the position there now, and are Americans so much more anxious to invest in *incunabula* than we on this side? Many of the books in the Blickling library might be expected to find readier purchasers in Europe than in America. Even American buyers of this class of book come readily to England—for sales such as this of the Blickling library. The library, for so long housed in the long Jacobean Gallery at Blickling, illustrated in COUNTRY LIFE in June of last year, enjoys a great reputation, which the hand list now available confirms. An Anglo-Saxon book of homilies, and illuminated manuscripts of St. Augustine and Boccaccio are among the most important *incunabula*. Many of the books are said to have been collected by Lady Frances Hobart in the first half of the seventeenth century, though the bulk was probably acquired in the eighteenth century by the second Earl of Buckinghamshire. It is also announced that Lord Lothian is disposing of his pictures as well. Besides some fine English eighteenth century portraits from Blickling are some important Italian primitives, some of them by very rare masters. It is to be hoped that Lord Lothian will not send his pictures also to America for sale.

EVENING

I have looked too long upon the sunset :
Its spell has stripped me bare
Of all the comfortable thoughts
That commonly I wear.

Evening's the chink in the soul's armour,
And through it I can feel
The soft cold fingers of desolation
Silently, deftly steal.

Naught's left of joy now but its transience ;
Of pride, but its loneliness.
Love's a dim ache, a dying music,
Beautiful, comfortless.

Colour to greyness turns, and slowly
Light fades from the sky :
I sit bowed down by the weight of evening,
Too sorrowful to cry.

JAN STRUTHER.

FIVE DAYS TO THE CAPE

IT is the greatest pity that the fine achievement of Miss Peggy Salaman and Mr. Gordon Store in flying from England to Cape Town in just over five days should have been marred by a good deal of unnecessary quibbling as to the person to whom the major credit for the flight should go. It has been stated that Miss Salaman was nothing more than a passenger and that all praise for having covered some 6,600 miles in about sixty-four hours' flying time should be given to Mr. Store. Mr. Store himself, however,

is reported to have said that his companion was at the controls for half the time that the machine was in the air and that she showed herself a highly competent pilot. In actual fact the flight was the result of co-operation between the two pilots. The idea of the flight was Miss Salaman's, and so was the enthusiasm which, so to speak, launched the machine on its journey. When once it had been launched, there is little doubt that its successful passage was largely due to Mr. Store's navigating skill, which enabled extremely long stages to be covered, some of them by night. At the time of Commander Kidston's and Mr. Cathcart Jones's flight over the same route it was stated, with some show of authority, that no British machine could have done the same. Miss Salaman has shown that that view was incorrect. A standard Puss Moth, British throughout, has beaten the previous record, set up by an American aeroplane, by a good margin.

HEATER FOR THE ELEPHANT

THOSE of us who shiver and wear mittens can never understand how other people remain heartily and offensively warm throughout the winter. It seems that there are these same mysterious differences in the animal kingdom. Some of the animals which live at Whipsnade in summer have either to come back to the snug "Zoo" in winter or else have special provision made for them in the country. There is a long list of hardy ones that do not care, such as polar bears (which, we know on Sam Weller's authority, are well wrapped up), bisons, zebras, wolves, llamas and storks; but the pygmy hippopotamus is a tender creature and has already returned to London. The flamingo suffers, if not from cold, at any rate from stupidity, for it cannot understand frozen water, and so it, too, comes to town. The young lions come in an intermediate class and have been settled in a sheltered wood where they have the wolves for next-door neighbours. Most pampered and luxurious of all the animals is the elephant. He remains on his country estate, but has electric heating in the stable to help him through the rigours of the winter. It would be interesting to know whether he could be taught to switch it on with his trunk.

RECONDITIONED COTTAGES

IT has been difficult hitherto to gauge how far the Housing (Rural Workers') Act of 1926 has fulfilled the purpose for which it was intended, *viz.*, the reconditioning of cottages in the interests both of economy and the picturesque. The exhibition organised at the Agricultural Hall, November 16th to 21st, in connection with the Public Works, Roads and Transport Congress will, therefore, be of the greater interest. The exhibition covers all rural housing, exhibits being contributed by a wide selection of local authorities. But it is the section comprising reconditioned cottages that should arouse the keenest interest. Some counties have taken much greater advantage of the Act than others. Devon has repaired over 450 cottages, Hants 200, in almost every case at under £100 cost to the State. The results are not only up to modern standards of comfort and convenience, but often remain an ornament to their setting. As Mr. Neville Chamberlain points out in a foreword to the catalogue, reconditioning will need to play a larger part in housing during the next few years of straitened purses. The manner in which this activity is directed will have a profound effect for good or ill on the character of the countryside and the welfare of its inhabitants.

ST. SOPHIA

THE news, if authentic, that the mosaics of St. Sophia are at last to be uncovered marks the end of a long series of negotiations between Professor Wittimore on the American side and Halil Bey acting on behalf of the Turkish Government. A preliminary survey has been, or is being, conducted, with the assistance of the chief expert from St. Mark's, with a view to ascertaining the cost of the proposed cleaning and the best means of undertaking it. It is thought that the work will take about ten years. The mosaics themselves date partly from the reign of Justinian, who built the present church after the Nika riot (sixth century), partly from that of Basil I (ninth century)—the golden age of Byzantine art—and partly from the time of the

Palaeologus Dynasty, whose founder undertook an extensive restoration of the church after his recapture of Constantinople from the Latins in 1261. When Fossati undertook the restoration of the church for Abdul Mesjid in 1847 he cleaned the mosaics of their limewash before recovering them with the present stencilled designs. It was then that Salzenburg took the copies which are now the chief authority for the compositions that will be revealed. It is difficult, from these drawings, to judge the artistic value of the various themes. But, however great or however little this may prove to be, the chief significance of the Turkish Government's very liberal decision is that one of the most beautiful, and certainly the most intellectual architectural interior in the world will at last be restored to its original state. Is it too much to hope that the crooked carpets, the *mihrab*, and the huge vulgar inscriptions from the Koran that disfigure the galleries, will be removed at the same time?

A NEW FEATURE

IN "Examples of Recent Architecture," the first of which is published in this issue, we embark on a plan for giving our readers a regular means of seeing the rapid strides that are being made to-day. Architecture will be supplemented by furniture craftsmanship and the like, and while preference will be given to British examples, it is intended to show the most successful inventions of Germany, Sweden and the world generally. COUNTRY LIFE's reputation in relation to architecture is for a sane conservatism, in which spirit we have welcomed all that seemed to us best in the work of innovators, but urged the claims of tradition to be upheld in a period of chaotic movement. These remain our principles; but while we vow devotion to the romantic country homes of England, there is no need to shut our eyes to what is going on in the larger world abroad. The style called "modernism" has come to stay. Now that England is faced by the same need for replanning and economising its resources as prevailed in Germany when the contemporary style was begotten, it is likely that we shall see a more rapid growth of it over here, though always, it is to be hoped, coloured by national tradition and consideration for climatic conditions.

THE SONG OF ETERNAL YOUTH

She shall not age who finds the changing sky
A world of magic, clothed in mystery
For her delight. She shall not age who knows
The early morning freshness of the rose
O Youth Eternal! She shall never die.

She shall not age who yet has eyes to see
Beauty at evening walking silently
Upon the waves. She shall not age who hears
The bells of Springtime ringing in her ears
And learns the song that whispers in each tree.

KATHLEEN MERRICK.

TITHE PIGS

BAD times continue to produce revolts against the payment of tithe. The most common form taken by the protests is for the sales, ordered for the non-payment of tithe, to be turned into farce by the farmers of the neighbourhood banding together to make preposterous bids. In Norfolk, last week, a farmer, distrainted upon for tithe amounting to £61, put up two lots of thirteen head of cattle and of thirty-two ewes. The cattle were worth £9 each, but in the pandemonium that reigned the lot was knocked down for 2s. and the ewes for 3s. 6d. the lot. In Kent, when a similar case came before the County Court judge at Ashford, it appeared that genuine bidders at these distress sales had been assaulted. In proportion as the land passes out of the hands of the large owners, who have borne the burden of tithe for the past two centuries, so will the Church experience difficulty in collecting its revenues. The small farmer-owner, in bad times, often cannot pay even the commuted rate of tithe. Ancient as tithe is as the Church's principal source of income, some alternative will have to be found for it before long, unless there is a spectacular return of prosperity to agriculture—or of attendance at church.

"EVERYBODY LOVES A TERRIER"



CH. BEN-EDAR BRIGID
Kerry blue terrier



WATTEAU ORLANDO
Smooth fox terrier

HOWEVER alien breeds may happen to capture the public imagination, as some of them manage to do, the terriers still hold their own as the really popular dogs among sportsmen, exhibitors and householders. They are to be met everywhere, their handy size, adaptable natures, friendly dispositions and hardy constitutions being recommendations too insistent to be overlooked. As an additional attraction to ordinary people we have the fact that they are cheap, unless they are good enough for showing, when they may be worth much more than the price of a first-class hunter. The demand for the best seems to be fairly constant notwithstanding the bad times, and few really outstanding specimens are allowed to remain long in the country. The early history of the family is more obscure than that of the hounds, spaniels and mastiffs, probably because little attention was actually given to their breeding until



MISS CALVERT BUTLER AND CAIRN TERRIER

comparatively modern times — say, within the last century — any sort of dog that would do his job efficiently being all that sportsmen wanted. Some German scientists consider that all the short-legged terriers are offshoots of the basset family, which does not necessarily mean the hounds that we classify under that term. They are obviously of no use for underground work or killing vermin. I cannot say which of the primitive dogs was responsible for the taller terriers, and to ascertain that we should have to go back thousands of years.

The Scots seem to have found the short-legged or basset-like terriers were most suitable for work in their country, while in England we have preferred those that possess the greater mobility conferred by the possession of longer limbs. Probably the commonest colour here was black-and-tan, which survives in the Welsh terrier, and, with the addition of hound blood, in the Airedale.



T Fall

WATTEAU MANIFESTO
Wire-haired fox terrier

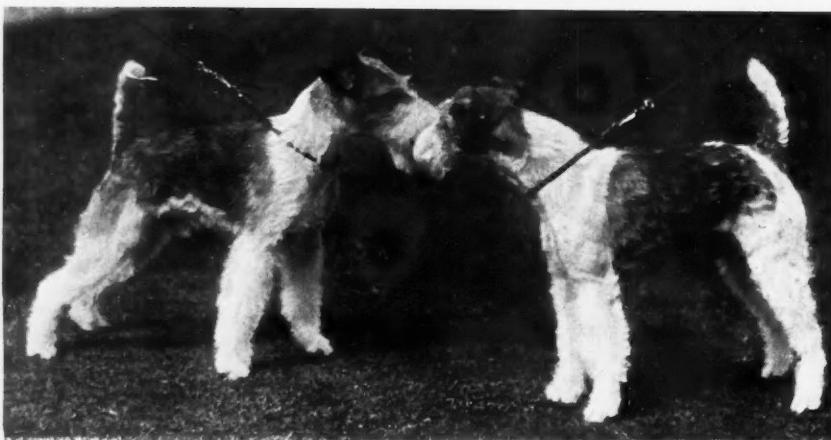


SOLID MAN, IRISH TERRIER *Copyright*
Winner of the trophy for best in show at Richmond

Nov. 14th, 1931.



HOPES OF THE FUTURE—STILL IN THE ROUGH What will they become?



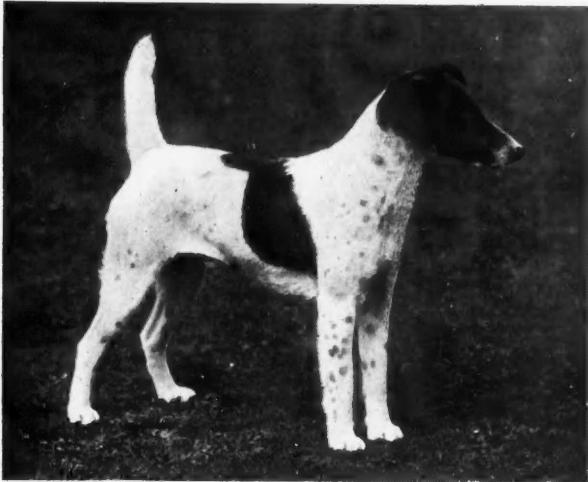
T. Fall A FINE TEAM OF SMOOTH FOX TERRIERS Copyright
Mr. Calvert Butler has always had a strong kennel of this variety

We know, however, that there were reds and sandies as well, for which eighteenth century sportsmen cared less on account of the danger of mistaking them for a fox. By the middle of last century the fox terrier had appeared very much in his present style. We can imagine that the white dogs with light markings of black or tan would be more convenient for use in the field. Anyhow, by the time shows had been going a few years this was the most distinctive of the terriers, and enough of them were to be found associated with several Hunts to provide material upon which to work. The roots of modern fox terriers spring from fox-hound kennels, and the show terriers are improved versions of these working dogs.

Practically all the clever men who were responsible for the foundation of the Fox Terrier Club and the framing of the breed standard fifty-six years ago were hunting men as well, and the ideal they had in mind was such as would produce a dog capable of doing his proper work. Since that time other breeds and varieties have been moulded into definite shape from the rough, some of them within the past five-and-twenty years, until at last seventeen are recognised by the Kennel Club. Most of these are strongly supported on the show bench, and some of the shows nowadays restricted to terriers receive entries equal to those obtained by the most important general shows of the pre-War era. Whether one belongs to the school that curses shows and all their works or believes that they do little mischief, there is not likely to be much difference of opinion about the smartness of the best terriers, such as those that are illustrated on these pages. Mr. F. Calvert Butler of Dale House, Carnforth, whose kennels supplied the originals, is one of the foremost breeders and exhibitors, and the photographs show the catholicity of his tastes. His first terrier, a red Irishman, was shown more than forty years ago, being handled for him by George Stables, who had just left Sir Humphrey de Trafford's employment. In those days Sir Humphrey had a leading kennel of gundogs and terriers. Soon afterwards Mr. Butler began breeding smooth fox terriers, and passed thence to the wires, his first of this coat being a daughter of Ch. Go-Bang. In less than ten years he was showing in earnest, and as proof of his intentions he bought the smooth bitch Oxalis from the late Mr. Desmond O'Connell. The bargain was evidently profitable, as she bred him Ch. Miss Watteau and Watteau Lily, and from a sister of hers he got Ch. Watteau Surprise and Ch. Watteau Wanton. Among her many honours Watteau Surprise won the Lonsdale Gold Cup at the Kennel Club Show for the best of her sex of all breeds, and many authorities, including Mr. O'Connell, declared that she was the best bitch they had ever seen. It is almost impossible to mention all the famous champions of various breeds that have been in the hands of Mr. Butler, whose judgment is rarely at fault. He knows a good one as well as any man when he sees it.

In the last year or two he has been a welcome accession to the ranks of Kerry Blue exhibitors. I do not know what my readers may think of these Irish dogs, but to me they seem peculiarly attractive, and as one who has watched their progress since they were first recognised by the Kennel Club in 1920, I feel justified in expressing the opinion that they have improved enormously in appearance. Irish breeders do not like the amount of trimming that is practised in England, but I see no objection to making them as presentable as possible so long as nothing is done that is calculated to deceive the judges. Exhibitors of sheep, cattle and horses

do it, and a terrier is very much smarter after he has undergone suitable preparation. Whatever is done to the coat in this way has no effect upon the spirit of the dog, it does no harm to his constitution, and he is just the same for breeding as if he had never been touched. Our friends in the Irish Free State are in advance of us in one respect, holding trials periodically to test the courage and capacity of their terriers, which are used for badger-digging or in killing noxious vermin. It is further said that they are able to point game and retrieve it, and that they are incomparable as watch-dogs.



WATTEAU ORLANDO
Full of style and quality

The worst that can be said about them is that they are desperate fighters when they once start, but they are friendly enough with human beings. Their quarrelsome propensities can be checked under suitable training when they are young. It was a notable event in the brief history of the breed when Mr. Butler's beautiful dog Ch. Black Prince of the Chevin was awarded the gold cup at one of the recent shows of the National Terrier Club for the best of all breeds. Within a short time of that event Ch. Watteau Prince Padriac was made the best at the Ladies' Kennel Association Show last May.



SOLID MAN
Irish terrier



CH. BEN-EDAR BRIGID
Kerry blue



CH. WATTEAU PRINCE PADRIAC
Kerry blue



T. Fall

DARROCH RECOMPENCE



WATTEAU MANIFESTO

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Achievements such as these, earned under three judges, set the stamp of merit upon any breed. Mr. Butler considers that the quality of fox terriers, both wires and smooths, is higher now than it has ever been, but at the same time he recognises

that perfection has not yet been attained. Too many exhibits, he thinks, have straight stifles, narrow thighs and short quarters, which is merely saying that the ideal after which we strive is always a little way ahead.

A. CROXTON SMITH.

AT THE THEATRE

A NEW OTHELLO

UNTER Shakespeare! The thrust is one which every Englishman must confess since there is no parry to it. The neglect of Shakespeare and the refusal of fashionable London to have anything to do with the greatest dramatist any nation has ever owned has been a stain on the English character, or on the character of English fashionables, ever since the death of Irving. "Hamlet" when it was put on at the Queen's Theatre was almost a dead failure. The combination of our best-graced actor, Mr. Henry Ainley, and that favourite actress, Miss Sybil Thorndike, could not bring enduring success to "Macbeth" at the Princes Theatre. No crowds gathered for Mr. Godfrey Tearle's excellent Othello at, I think, the Court Theatre, and to his Hamlet at the Haymarket the West End was indifferent. Even the combination of Mr. John Barrymore and Miss Fay Compton failed to produce the furore which attends an Aldwych farce. "And shall Trelawny die?" Substitute Shakespeare for Trelawny and apparently there are not forty thousand Englishmen who would be in the least disturbed. All credit, therefore, to the Arts Theatre which with the minimum of resources and advertisement has decided that the name of Shakespeare shall not utterly perish from the West End. The management of this plucky and enterprising little organisation announced without fuss or fireworks of any description that it was going to produce "Othello," and within a week's time it did. Whereupon, the critics fell upon that performance and rent it, saying that it was the kind of thing which was all very well for the provinces, but that in the West End of London, etc., etc. I confess that this irritates me. It is as though cricket not having been played for twenty years, and Lord's re-opening for a week, some batsman should compile a careful and painstaking 80 or 90 and be told on returning to the pavilion that he was not a Bradman. Nobody in his senses expected Mr. Edmund Willard, who for twenty years has been giving painstaking, conscientious and sound performances in commercially successful plays, suddenly to turn into an Edmund Kean, an Irving and a Salvini all rolled into one. Mr. Willard is a good, but not a great, actor, for he lacks the magnetic quality which can superimpose terror upon violence and to compassion add tears. It was said of some great French actor that he could move an audience to weeping merely by reciting the quotations on the Bourse, and I for one believe the story. I remember supping with the late Courtenay Thorpe and opposing his statement that the actor should have the power to terrify without the material to terrify with. He said: "Very well then, my dear boy, I will now frighten you." Whereupon he composed his features into such a mask of terror and, looking over my shoulder, bade me regard the thing behind in such tones that I could not move, and felt the hair rise on my head. Everybody who saw Irving in "Dante" must remember the expression on his face when he caught sight of Ugolino starving in the tower, while as Louis XI, even when nothing very terrible was happening, he could make all but the insensitive sick with fear. Then who could forget Irving's pathos, never more stupendous than when the material was of the tawdriest? I remember a scene in "Robespierre" in which that bilious and corruptible gentleman discovered that he was sending to the tumbrils his illegitimate son. The fellow had made no previous appearance in the drama and one was not even to see him executed. He was just brought on to give whoever played the part an opportunity to display his pathos, since tears in the life of Robespierre were infrequent. I saw that play several times, and on one occasion the actor who played the son was late with his entry. But Irving had got his pathos going all the same, and we were in sobs before the object of his and our commiseration arrived. Who could ever forget the pathos of Irving's Vicar when Olivia was restored to him, and what practised critic of acting ever failed to realise that the old man could have melted us equally over the recovery of a lost umbrella?

MANY OTHELLOS

Now, Mr. Willard is not, and will not pretend to be, an actor of this order, and so I shall not claim for his Othello that it is more than respectable, by which I mean respectable. There are many ways of playing Othello. The elder Dumas has left us his impressions of Othello as played by Talma, Kean, Kemble, Macready and Joanny. "Each of these great actors," he said, "played the part in his own way. Talma

played it with his art, Kean with his temperament, Kemble with his mastery of all that the traditions of the stage could do for him, Macready with his physical beauty, Joanny with his instincts. With Talma, Othello was a Moor covered with a varnish of Venetian civilization; with Kean, he was a wild beast, half-man, half-tiger; with Kemble, he was a man of a ripe age, violent and uncontrollable; with Macready, he was an Arab of the days of the Abencerrages, chivalrous and refined; with Joanny he was—Joanny." Mr. Willard will probably not object if I echo Dumas and say that with Willard, Othello is Willard. This actor has not sufficient subtlety of countenance and vocal expression to suggest the Othello of "Keep up your bright swords, for the dew will rust them," and "Silence the dreadful bell: it frights the isle from her propriety." There is majesty here, and Mr. Willard suggests, not majesty, but that physical fitness which is going to get him out of a tight place in a battle or a football match. He is manly but not princely, and I think that he deliberately underplayed the scene of the epilepsy to avoid the charge of playing the part solely on his physique. He did, however, endow the whole of the last act with considerable pathos, though here again one has to distinguish between the pathos occasioned by the actor and the pathos inherent in the situation whoever may be playing in it. Comparative criticism is going out of fashion, but I am old-fashioned enough to think that only by remembering what has been done in the past can one assess what is being done in the present. Take this passage from G. H. Lewes:

THE TWO KEANS

"I remember the last time I saw Edmund Kean play Othello, how puny he appeared beside Macready, until in the third act, when roused by Iago's taunts and insinuations, he moved towards him with a gouty hobble, seized him by the throat, and, in the well-known explosion, 'Villain! be sure you prove,' etc., seemed to swell into a stature which made Macready appear small. On that very evening, when gout made it difficult for him to display his accustomed grace, when a drunken hoarseness had ruined the once matchless voice, such was the irresistible pathos—manly, not tearful—which vibrated in his tones and expressed itself in looks and gestures, that old men leaned their heads upon their arms and fairly sobbed." Now compare the same critic on Charles Kean: "Charles Kean has the power of coarse painting, of impressive representation when the image to be presented is a simple one; but he has no subtlety of sympathy, no nicety of observation, no variety of expression. He is peculiarly rigid—this is his force and his weakness. His face is utterly without physiognomical play; one stolid expression, immovable as an ancient mask, is worn throughout a scene which demands fluctuating variety. He has none of those unforgettable looks which made his father terrible to fellow-actors no less than to spectators. . . . It is clear that Charles Kean has an organisation which excludes him from the artistic expression of complex or subtle emotions. There are no tears in his pathos; there is no terror in his wrath. He is violent where he should be agitating, lachrymose where he should be affecting. The pathos of a situation may have sometimes overcome a susceptible spectator, but this effect is not to be set down to the actor."

A good deal of what Lewes wrote about Charles Kean is, in my view, applicable to Mr. Willard with this difference, that if Charles Kean were to appear on the stage to-day I am convinced we should deem him a very fine actor indeed. The Edmund Kceans come not once in a generation, or a lifetime, but once in the history of the stage, and to measure any living actor by the mightiest of the dead is unfair. Mr. Willard gave a very creditable performance, and I say without hesitation that on the whole of the London stage at this moment there is nothing better to be seen. Yet this piece of acting will not be exposed to the general view because it happens to occur in one of the great masterpieces of Shakespeare, and the general public has shown that it does not want the great masterpieces of Shakespeare. That is all the more reason why the dramatic critics should not have dealt so ungraciously with Mr. Willard for essaying the most difficult part, save one, in Shakespeare, and with the Arts Theatre for making the attempt possible. I can only hope that this little burst of enthusiasm will be taken in the light of reparation.

GEORGE WARRINGTON.



LORD DUNGLASS, M.P.
for Lanark, is the eldest son of the Earl
of Home

YOUTH AT THE HELM

NEW BLOOD IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

A remarkable feature of the new House is the number of young members keenly interested in the countryside, its problems and pursuits



VISCOUNT KNEBWORTH, M.P.
for Hitchen, is Lord Lytton's heir and a
well-known amateur boxer



LORD BURGHLEY, M.P.
for Peterborough, is the famous
Cambridge athlete



VISCOUNT CASTLEREAGH, M.P.
for County Down, is the heir of the
Marquess of Londonderry



VISCOUNT WEYMOUTH, M.P.
for Frome, is the eldest surviving son
of the Marquess of Bath



MR. T. A. COOK, M.P.
for Northern Norfolk, was Master of
the North Norfolk Harriers



MR. MAURICE PETHERICK, M.P.
for Falmouth, is a keen supporter of
the Cornish farmer



MR. MARK PATRICK, M.P.
for Tavistock, has served in the British
Embassy at Moscow

GARDENING ON WALLS

If less pronounced, perhaps, than a few years ago, there is still a tendency on the part of many gardeners to regard wall gardening as something of a novelty and quite unnecessary where ordinary methods can be pursued. While it is true that it is a comparatively modern aspect of gardening, which we owe very largely to the pioneer efforts of that grand old lady of English gardening, Miss Gertrude Jekyll, who, in one of her delightful books, "Wall and Water Gardens," brought the system into prominence, it is a method that has utility as well as beauty to recommend its practice even on a site which naturally affords little variation in levels. For example, in a garden on heavy clay soil the dry wall is a distinct boon, for it enables many plants to be grown successfully and with the greatest ease that would perish in winter if grown on the flat under ordinary soil conditions. Such things as silenes, androsaces, aethionemas, onosmas, Antirrhinum glutinosum and dianthus are a few examples of plants that are more reliable and more likely to give a good account of themselves if accommodated on a wall than if left to take their chance on level ground. It is a fact that there is no limit to the capacity of plants for garden decoration and there are always some that can be found that will adapt themselves readily to fresh conditions.

A dry wall which is built of stone or brick with soil instead of mortar affords an intriguing and fascinating way of growing a variety of plants, and in limited space it is a method that should be more commonly adopted, for it allows a greater number of plants to be grown in a smaller area than would otherwise be the case. Its construction should present no difficulty. Good-sized pieces of stone, preferably limestone or sandstone, of moderate thickness provide the most effective material for building, and are better than brick, which presents a too formal appearance when a natural ruggedness is desired. Stone, too, is more in sympathy with plant life and more nourishing, as well as providing a more attractive background to the plant furnishing. Apart from these advantages, the use of stone allows larger cavities



CERASTIUM FLOWERING OVER A BUTTRESSED WALL

and a greater amount of soil space for planting, which must always be considered. The mason's wall, built with trowel and plumb line, is not the type of wall to aim at. Such a wall, while correct



A WELL-FURNISHED DRY WALL IN LATE MAY—A MASS OF COLOUR AND BLOOM

in every detail of construction, will not support plant life. But if a strong retaining wall is wanted to hold a bank, then that part of the structure which is to take the weight of the soil behind must be made firm and secure and constructed behind the planting face. In this way, by the construction of a strong cement wall into which drain pipes are set at its base and at intervals along the face, and the building of a dry wall of stone in front, the wall can be made to serve a double purpose—that of retaining a sloping bank and supporting plant life. Unless the bank is steep, there will probably be no need to construct a solid structure, and a retaining wall built on the ordinary dry wall principle will be as effective. The main points to notice in construction are to build the wall at a slight slope from the vertical, setting each stone at an angle into the face of the bank and with a slight dip inwards, and making certain that all spaces behind and between the stones are well packed with good fibrous soil. By setting each stone slightly farther back than the one on which it is laid, an ample supply of moisture is ensured to the plants set low down on the wall. Planting is conveniently done with building, and almost any small scrap can be used, tiny rooted cuttings and seedlings being preferable; or seed can be sown in the crevices, using such things as valerian, Iceland poppies, foxgloves, wallflowers and thrift which all come easily from seed. When planting is done as the stones are laid the roots are never injured, and the plants themselves do not have the same difficulty in becoming established as when they are pushed into position after the completion of the wall, although this method, of course, is quite successful when done carefully and must be adopted where existing walls are to be furnished. Overplanting should always be eschewed, and the planting is best done in bold patches to avoid a spotty effect. All very rampant growers are to be shunned unless the wall area is large, and it is important to choose plants that will be at home in the situation, particularly if the wall is likely to suffer from drought, as many dry walls do when they are not properly built.

There are any number of plants suitable for wall planting—a few for shady positions, but the majority for open and sunny walls; and there is no reason why such things as cerastium, aubrietas, Alyssum saxatile and snapdragons, fine and bold and as useful as these are, should monopolise the wall to the exclusion of other beautiful subjects. The campanulas, muralis, pulla and isophylla alba, are all excellent, and as company they should have the androsaces, aethionemas (of which Warley Rose is probably the best), the pink *Dianthus graniticus* with its masses of starry pink flowers, *D. cæsius* and *deltoides*, *Erinus alpinus* (a first-rate wall plant), the handsome onosmas with their masses of grey flopping foliage, from which appear the flower stems hung with beautiful golden drops, the dwarf phloxes of the subulata variety, candytuft and various saxifrages, stoncrops and houseleeks—all of which will flourish on hot and sunny ledges. Besides these there are many dwarf shrubs, including all forms of the sun roses and rock roses, many genistas like *horrida* and *prostrata*, and *Kewensis* and even *præcox* if there is room. *Coton-easter horizontalis* will give a fine effect, shooting out its sails from the wall, and *C. microphylla* and *adpressa* are also good. *Olearia stellulata* should not be forgotten for its snow-white masses in July; while rosemary, lavender, artemisias and santolina are all invaluable for the quiet tone of their grey leaves which afford such an admirable foil to the more brilliant mats of colour and make for a wall planting rich in contrast and beauty and remarkably effective in the variety and form of its furnishing. G. C. TAYLOR.



THE RED VALERIAN

This is a most excellent and showy plant for a dry wall, making fine bushy growth and providing clouds of richly coloured bloom



A WELL-PLANTED WALL, GAY WITH CANDYTUFT, AUBRIETIA, ALYSSUM, PINKS AND CAMPANULAS



A CLOUD OF YELLOW AND WHITE IN THE WALL GARDEN

“THE HUNTSMAN WINDS HIS HORN—



CHANGING COVERT AT THE OPENING MEET OF THE V.W.H. (CRICKLADE) UNDER THE NEW MASTER, CAPTAIN MAURICE KINGSCOTE, WHO HAS BEEN FOR MANY YEARS FIELD MASTER OF THE BEAUFORT



THE OPENING MEET OF THE NORTH COTSWOLD AT
THE LYGON ARMS, BROADWAY



THE MEET OF THE WARWICKSHIRE AT
WROXTON ABBEY. HOUNDS MOVING OFF



THE WHADDON CHASE, OF WHICH LORD ROSEBERY IS MASTER, MOVING OFF FROM CUBLINGTON

—AND A-HUNTING WE WILL GO”



Lady Lauderdale and her daughter, Lady Sylvia Maitland, at a meet of the Duke of Buccleuch's Hounds at Lilliesleaf last week



Miss Molly Gourlay, the well known golfer, with Mrs. Simmons, the Master of the South Hereford Hounds, at Broomy Close on Saturday



The Opening Meet of the Wylye Valley. Major Burgoyne, with Mrs. Hope Johnstone at Codford



General A. D. Miller, the retiring Master of the South Oxfordshire, with General Sir Robert Fanshawe, the Hunt secretary



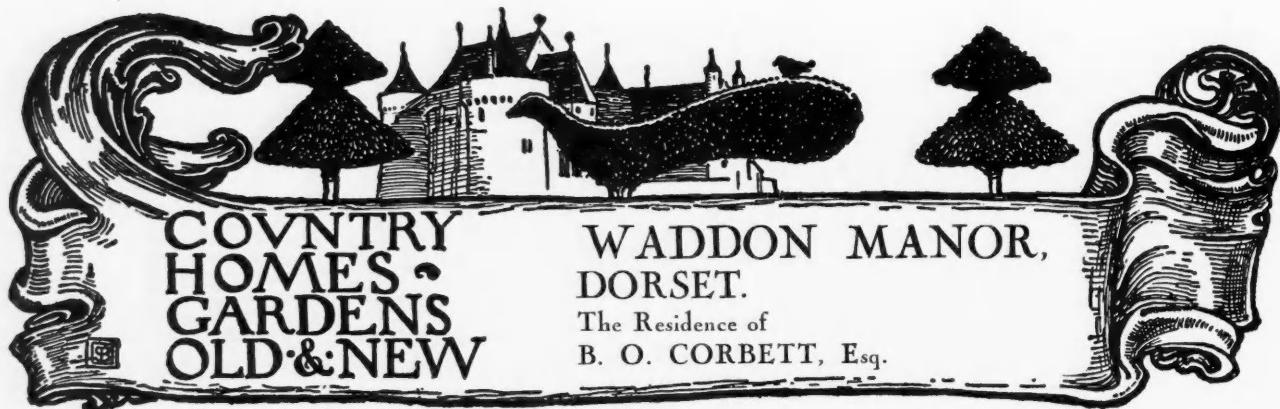
The Joint-Master of the Quorn, Major A. E. Burnaby, with Mrs. Burnaby, at the opening meet of the Quorn



Lady Elizabeth Motion, with General Smythe at the opening meet of the Hertfordshire (North Pack)



The opening meet of the Berkeley at the Kennels. Sir Stanley Tubbs (the Joint Master) with the hounds



Much of the house, built 1650-70 by Colonel Bullen Reymes, was burnt soon after the addition of the wing, circa 1700, in which the house now principally consists.

THE downs south of Dorchester shut off a triangle of country of which the sides are the Weymouth and Abbotsbury coasts, and the apex Chesil Beach. The uplands are broad and bleak, with a steep escarpment towards the sea. The road from Dorchester to Weymouth, skirting the green ramparts of Maiden Castle, pierces them on the east, and some miles westward a lonely road leads from Dorchester to Abbotsbury by the steep hill above Portisham. The two are joined by a lane that, like the Old Road from Salisbury Plain to Canterbury, and the Icknield Way along the Chilterns, divides the cultivated plain from the hill face too steep for ploughing. Midway on its course between the two passes the homestead of West, or Gerard's, Waddon is tucked against the hillside, and the lane makes a leisurely curve round its Tudor barton. From the terraced garden that climbs the hill face at Waddon towards a mantling wood of oaks you look over rolling pastures to the two slanting seas, with the rock of Portland dividing them, and the chapel of Abbotsbury perched against the sky south-westwards. From Portisham the lane winds easily enough,

but woe betide him who follows it from Maiden Castle alone in a car, for there are between twelve and twenty gates. I lost count of them.

Its site has made Waddon one of the most enchanting of Dorset manor houses. Although the main body of the house was destroyed by fire in 1704, a high, long wing that can have been built only a few years earlier and the back court of the seventeenth century building have been preserved intact, together with the noble gate piers and flights of steps in the hanging gardens. How slight have been the changes made in the two intervening centuries can be seen by comparing the old painting (Fig. 10), that must have been made just before the fire, with the same view to-day (Fig. 1). Some of the walnut trees that fringe the road have disappeared. A couple of heraldic dogs have vanished from the gate piers to the back court (Fig. 4). Otherwise nothing has altered. It is a pity that the walnut trees were so bosky when the painter came to Waddon, or then he would have been able to show the large part of the house which was burnt, instead of just indicating its transomed windows between the branches.



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1.—FROM THE SOUTH

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The wing, built circa 1700, in which the house now principally consists, adjoined an earlier block to the left



2.—THE FORECOURT, FROM ABOVE THE SITE OF COLONEL REYME'S HOUSE, BURNT IN 1704



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3.—THE TERRACE BELOW THE FORECOURT

"COUNTRY LIFE."

Nevertheless, he recorded enough to tell us where it was and that it was older than the wing that survived. Its position is confirmed by its silhouette on what is now the west front, visible behind the Irish yew in Fig. 3. From that we can tell that it was a two-storeyed range, lower than the addition, seven yards thick, with a steep roof rising from a lead gutter, perhaps fringed with a parapet. The painting gives ground for supposing that it was no more than five bays long; while the ascent to its forecourt (Fig. 5) was probably on the axis of its entrance door. Is there anything in the history of the house that throws further light upon it?

After the Reformation, prior to which the three subdivisions of the large Saxon manor of Wadone appear to have been in

Fields," he was born in 1614, lived till 1673, and seems to have made Waddon his home. At the age of seventeen he had been sent, through the good offices of the Duchess of Buckingham, to Paris in attendance on Sir Isaac Wake, the Ambassador. His boyish diaries, preserved at Zeals by Colonel Troyte Bullocke, his descendant, and owner of Waddon, show that in Paris he learnt dancing, French and other languages, to play the lute, chess and "gleke." He had early formed business-like habits, for he kept a letter-book and careful accounts. He had scarcely been there a year when, in 1632, Wake died; in the following year his uncle, Robert Petre of Buckhurst, also died, leaving him his property, and, thus endowed, Reymes went to Italy, where, with intervals, he remained till 1637.



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4.—LOOKING SEWARDS FROM THE BACK COURT

"COUNTRY LIFE."

the possession of various religious houses, this portion was granted to Sir William Paulet, and in 1601 was in the possession of Thomas Gerard of Trent, County Somerset. After the death of the latter it appears to have been left to his widow, for there is a record of its being confiscated from "Mary Gerard, recusant" in 1608 and granted for forty years to Thomas Eliot. This high-handed judgment does not seem to have taken effect, for when Thomas Gerard's daughter Elizabeth married Bullen Reymes, she brought with her Waddon, together with Broadway on the River Wey, another Gerard property, to her husband.

Colonel Bullen Reymes (as he became during the Civil Wars) is the first and the most notable individual to be identified with Waddon. Himself a Londoner, "of St. Martins in the

Meanwhile, he was left another property by a relative, William Coker; then, in 1640, he married Elizabeth Gerard, and was appointed a Gentleman of the King's Privy Chamber. Although it does not openly appear so, the facts of his long residence abroad, where he was associated with the Earl of Desmond, and his marriage into a Roman Catholic family, suggest that he was also inclined to Rome. At the outbreak of war he was with the King, and was given a captain's commission and rapidly rose to be a colonel. His military career came to an end with the surrender of Exeter to Fairfax in 1646, when he set about compounding for his estates, which in Dorset comprised not only West Waddon, but East Waddon which he had bought.

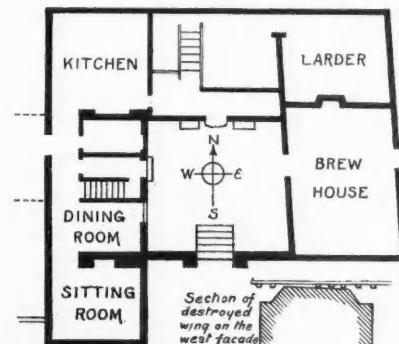


5.—THE ASCENT TO THE FORECOURT



6.—THE FORECOURT GATEWAY

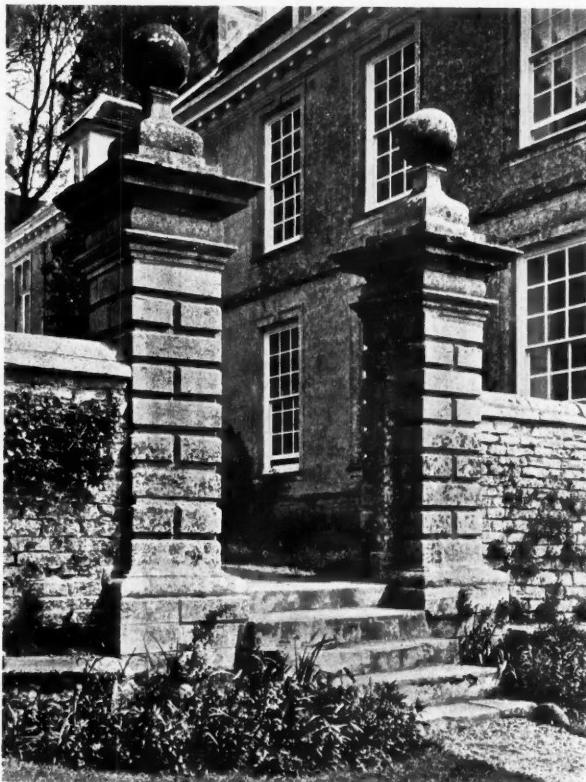
After the Restoration he sat for Melcombe Regis in the Commons and was made Vice-Admiral of Dorset. In 1663-64 he went on a mission to Tangier, presenting on his return, in Pepys' words, "so full and methodical an account of all matters there, that I never have nor hope to see the like." He and Pepys became very friendly. At the King's Playhouse Pepys "sat by Col. Reames, who understands and loves a play as well as I, and I love him for it." As Governor of Portsmouth Castle, he was associated with Evelyn in 1664 on a Commission for the care



of sick and wounded sailors. Appointments followed fast, culminating in 1667 in Surveyor of the Great Wardrobe.

Thus Reymes was clearly in a position to build a house at Waddon, which the representation of a local constituency must have rendered at least desirable. Among the Zeals papers is an agreement dated 1651 in which a tenant is given one year's extension of lease for "the farm at Waddon" on condition—

That For the sayd farm, the ould house, dairy, outhousing & halfe the stable & large tallett, he pays 200/-.



7.—THE FORECOURT PIERS



8.—THE GATEWAY OF THE BACK COURT

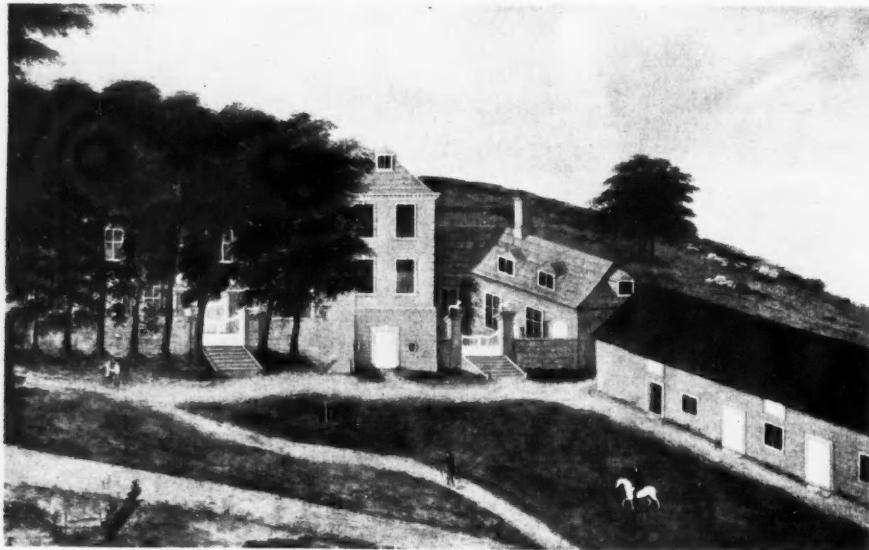
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9.—THE BACK COURT

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10.—WADDON. *Circa 1700*

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12.—IN THE OFFICE RANGE



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11.—THE SURVIVING WALNUTS IN THE LANE

'C.L.'

That When the ould dairy shall be fitted up, the kitchen next the stone house, with the chamber over, and 2 littell butrys thereby, be left to me, I making a partition in the entry to parte bothe familys, and that I also have use of the ovens and furnises whilst it remains where it is, as often as my occasions require.

It is clear from this that Reymes contemplated taking the farm in hand and making alterations. It is probable, therefore, that during the next twenty years he added the building that was burnt and re-built the office range which is characteristic of the middle of the seventeenth century, with its plastered eaves and the graceful bell cast of its roof (Fig. 1, centre).

He was succeeded in 1672 by a son of the same name who married Ann Coker of Mappowder, his cousin. On his death without issue in 1695, he left her all his property, including Waddon, and made her his sole executrix. She afterwards married Harry Chafin,

of the Zeals family, that was prominent in Dorsetshire sport during the eighteenth century. He subsequently took as his second wife a grand-daughter of Colonel Reymes by a daughter who had married a Weymouth merchant.

It was Harry Chafin who built the tall wing, which forms the principal part of Waddon to-day, projecting forward from Colonel Reymes' house. The fine grey ashlar and slender window mouldings are characteristic of the eighteenth century Dorset tradition of which the Bastards of Blandford were the leading exponents.

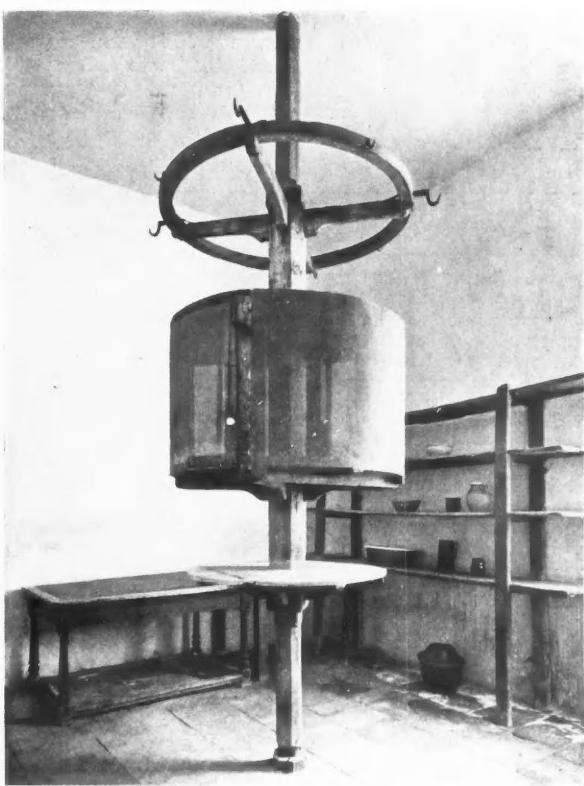
After the fire the former back court became the entrance to the house. From it there is a great view back over the vale between the gate piers and the thatched roof of the earlier farm buildings (Fig. 4). The gateways of Waddon are, indeed, its greatest beauty. From every point of view they frame or compose a picture.



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13.—THE STAIRCASE

Harry Chafin's building, one room thick, contains a panelled parlour at its south end (Fig. 15), a wainscoted dining-room and an oak staircase, with a dog-gate, and its handrail fatly scrolled at the bottom (Fig. 13). In the older office range are a capacious brewhouse, a larder with a remarkable meat-safe



14.—THE MEAT-SAFE IN THE LARDER "C.L."

(Fig. 14), and the adjuncts of a larger house than there is to-day.

Harry Chafin died without children in 1726, when Waddon passed to his sister, who had married John Grove of Chisenbury, Wilts, and brought to the Groves not only Waddon, but Zeals.



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15.—THE WHITE PARLOUR AT THE SOUTH END

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After that Waddon became the home for two centuries of a family of tenant farmers of the name of Hawkins. In 1928 they gave up, and Mr. and Mrs. Corbett, who had chanced upon Waddon a good many years before, seized the opportunity

of leasing the place. They have skilfully repaired it where necessary, but without disturbing the atmosphere of ancient peace that invests the grey, forgotten, but how aristocratic little house.

CHRISTOPHER HUSSEY.

IMPROVED METHODS OF CALF REARING

COMPETENT observers of agricultural practice have held the opinion for some time that farmers have tended to neglect the breeding and rearing of young cattle as part of a well balanced farming policy. To a great extent this has been due to the concentration on dairy farming, with milk as the main item of revenue. This, in turn, has tended to add to the troubles of milk producers in that the markets have been over-supplied, and the existence of surplus milk has caused price fixation for future contracts to be made on a most unsatisfactory basis from the producers' standpoint. The future of milk production must to some extent depend upon the capacity of the producer to restrict the supplies of surplus milk which have such unsatisfactory consequences at the present time.

Calf rearing on a more extended scale merits attention in relation to the consideration of this problem. Already many have realised the financial advantages which are likely to accrue from its adoption, but it is necessary to point out that close attention must be paid to matters pertaining to the type and character of the animals so raised, together with the system of feeding employed.

young calf should receive its own mother's milk. This should preferably be given in three feeds per day, though often it is customary to leave the calf with the cow during this period so that it can feed as and when it desires. Thereafter whole milk is fed at the rate of four quarts per day for the first month. At one month old the calf begins to chew its cud, and advantage can be taken of this fact to provide a little well harvested, early-cut hay, and also to feed a handful of dry meal mixture in the bottom of the milk bucket. In the fifth week the milk allowance can be reduced to 3 quarts per day, in the sixth and seventh to 2 quarts, in the eighth to 1 quart, finally being weaned from milk at the end of the eighth week. During the period that the milk ration is reduced, the allowance of meal mixture fed in a trough is progressively increased as the appetite of the calf suggests. Thus at one month old a calf will consume about $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. daily of meal mixture, whereas when weaned from milk the daily allowance will vary from 1lb. to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb., and can be rapidly increased to 3lb. per head. It should be noted that the hay ration should also be increased gradually from the age of one month. The meal ration employed under this system can consist of 30 to 40 per cent. of finely nutted



SOME PROMISING MILKERS

As far as it is possible to predict the future of agriculture with any degree of certainty, it seems reasonable to assume that a satisfactory demand will always be experienced for good quality store cattle suitable for feeding purposes. This, in turn, implies that such cattle must have ready fattening propensities. Since the greater majority of dairy farmers in this country pin their faith to dual-purpose breeds, it follows that no serious difficulties are presented to the majority of breeders in producing a class of animal which can serve the needs of cattle feeders. Crossing a commercial herd of dual-purpose cattle with a bull of a beef breed, such as the Aberdeen-Angus, would probably give the ideal result, but such would interfere with the value of the female progeny if these were required for retention in the herd.

There is an unfortunate impression held by many that successful calf rearing necessitates considerable dependence upon milk, but this is not now the case. Similarly, modern methods of rearing do not demand adherence to substitutes in the form of gruel. These facts in themselves bring calf rearing into a more popular position, since the substitution of dry feeding for milk and gruels is both cheaper and simpler. Although gruel feeding is still persisted in by many, it is very rare that the necessary care is taken to ensure the best results. Too often badly balanced mixtures are fed, incorrect in temperature, with the result that unthrifty, pot-bellied calves are produced.

Much research work has been devoted to the evolution of a sound and fool-proof system of calf rearing which avoids the evils of the old-fashioned gruel method, and to this end some very valuable results have been obtained at the National Institute for Research in Dairying. From the trials at this centre it has been indicated that during the first three or four days of its life the

linseed cake, 5 to 10 per cent. fish meal, and 40 to 50 per cent. of a mixture of cereal grains and starchy foods, e.g., crushed oats and flaked maize. This type of mixture has proved very effective in practice and is one which can be recommended with confidence.

If this system of calf rearing is followed, the foods necessary until the calf is six months old are about 35 to 40 gallons of new milk, $3\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. meal mixture and 5cwt. of hay. This is sufficient to give a calf a good foundation for the building up of a sound constitution.

THE FEEDING STUFFS MARKET

One of the effects of departing from the gold standard has been reflected in the appreciated prices which are now ruling for feeding stuffs. This, in turn, is stimulating the demand for home-grown produce, and there are clear indications that some of the cereal growers' troubles are likely to end in consequence. During recent weeks the prices of imported cereals have advanced, and the majority of foods for agricultural purposes are from 20s. to 30s. dearer than they were at the beginning of October.

This influence, though beneficial to the corn producer, is not equally satisfactory to the producer of milk, eggs, pork or other meat. There is always an inevitable delay in the general adjustment of prices, and those who have not been fortunate enough to buy forward supplies at the low figures recently ruling will naturally feel the effects of the present advances. It is highly probable that after Christmas revised prices will have to rule for milk, for example, and other home-produced foods must advance in sympathy with the increase in the price of the raw materials.

Though these signs may not be considered satisfactory by the general body of consumers, they are, nevertheless, very healthy

from the viewpoint of the agriculturist. It can never be satisfactory to our farmers to have the principal competing countries so overloaded with surplus crops as to have to market at a figure well below the cost of production. Among farmers there is the prevalent feeling that those who can manage to find sufficient capital to hold on will shortly begin to reap a living more in accordance with economic requirements. In this sense there is a growing feeling that the deviation from the gold standard was a great boon to the agricultural community. It is equally true that farmers need have little hesitation in embarking upon cereal culture with renewed confidence, since it is highly probable that steps will be taken to prevent destructive dumping by exporting countries.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS

It is frequently assumed, as a result of statements made by politicians who support a small-holdings policy, that agricultural holdings in England and Wales are mainly large in size. This, however, is by no means the case. In 1930 there were some

215,200 agricultural holdings, covering a total area of 23,744,000 acres. By comparison with 1924, this represented a reduction of 1,500 holdings and 384,000 acres of land. The tendency in recent years has been in the direction of dividing agricultural land into medium-sized farming units at the expense of the smallest and largest farms. Thus between 1924 and 1930 holdings in the 20-50 acre group fell by 1,452, to 75,579 holdings, whereas in the 50-100 acre group there was an increase of about 1,000, to 60,979 farms. In the 100-150 acre group a slight increase was recorded of 81, to 31,763 farms, while above 150 acres decreases in numbers were general. The total number of farms in 1930 was 215,202.

Changes in farming policy are also reflected in the classifications as to whether the farms are in arable, grass or devoted to mixed husbandry. Thus pasture farms now comprise 53 per cent. of the total, as compared with 48 per cent. in 1924. These changes have been most pronounced in the Midlands and South of England. Arable and mixed farms have fallen by nearly one-fifth and pasture farms have increased in these areas by 18 per cent.

ADVENTURES WITH AN ARCHITECT

By BERNARD DARWIN

"I HAD no keener pleasure than in following Holmes in his professional investigations, and in admiring the rapid deductions, as swift as intuitions, and yet always founded on a logical basis, with which he unravelled the problems which were submitted to him."

This was, in effect, what I said last week, in the manner of Dr. Watson, as I bade good-bye to an eminent golfing architect after spending two exciting days in his company. It was, in some ways, a rather humbling experience, though I really am very humble, anyhow as regards my architectural qualities; but the feeling of being a foil to Holmes's brilliance was by no means disagreeable. If the architect could see some things more quickly than I could, and other things which I should never have seen at all, I could console myself with the reflection that it was his job. It was only natural that he should be good at it, and that seems a point worth emphasising, because there are sometimes members of green committees who think that they can do this job by the light of nature, and they generally make the saddest mess of it.

For the moment I must not say on what course we were working, but if I give a clue here and there and somebody recognises it, I suppose no fatal harm will be done. Several of us had been appointed on a sub-committee to try to devise alterations—the fewest and cheapest possible—that should make less perilous a road that runs through the course. One or two long-cherished holes had to go; that could not be helped. We took as our motto that we did not mind hitting each other, but we must not hit the passer-by. We toiled amain and produced a scheme, and then we asked our architect to come and look. He had not seen the course for twenty years, but, with the aid of a plan, he had, in the seclusion of his own room, designed something uncommonly like our scheme. That was cheering, but it made us wonder if we were quite so clever as we had thought. As we walked round with him we wondered more and more.

FINDING THE PERFECT GREEN

It was not that he said to us with Holmesian sarcasm, "You are scintillating to-day, my dear Watson." Far from it; in a general way he approved of us, but—confound the fellow!—how quickly he did improve on us too! Our new first hole, for instance, hugging the sandhills, with a tee shot from a height, he blessed entirely, but he found a far better green than we had only twenty yards away. Why in the world hadn't we seen it? I am sure I don't know. Our architect made straight for it with ecstatic cries. "Look at it," he exclaimed, "it's perfect. Look at the slopes and folds, and oh! look at the lovely drop into the little valley behind."

After this nothing much happened for a while. Our architect nobly restrained some beautiful imaginings that were out of the question and only polished most efficiently our crudities. Presently, however, we came to a really big problem, a new ninth hole in more or less virgin country. "There," we said to him, half-proudly, half-tremulously. "We thought of going down that valley," and we showed him a shallow valley of broken, benty, sandy ground which we had fondly likened to some pretty holes at Formby or Birkdale and to one at Prince's. "No," said the great man. "No. That bores me"; and then in gentler tones, "you know I don't want to insult anyone, but you chose that because

it was obvious." It was true, and we felt like little boys who had been caught using a crib in school. The valley, he said, gave the player a feeling of confidence; he felt that those banks to right and left would keep him in the proper path, and so he could hit out boldly, just as a man does in approaching a green with a back or side wall to it. That was dull; the thing to engender in the player's breast was doubt and wondering, not confidence. In the end he had to come back to our poor, despised hole. I readily admit he improved on it, because he managed to turn the second shot partially out of the valley. At the same time, we did feel like the Doctor when, for once in a while, he mildly scored, and Holmes remarked, "A hit, my dear Watson, a palpable hit."

PLAYING SHOTS TO ORDER

I will not go all the way round and tell of the blessing of our new tees to the tenth and the eighteenth, nor of his new one-shot seventeenth, of almost idyllic simplicity, which he believes will be a beauty. I will pass on to the second day, when the architect and I went out again, accompanied by one caddie and one chauffeur, who had so many things strapped round him that he looked like a ticket collector on a bus. They carried maps, compasses, mackintoshes and other fearsome instruments of which I did not understand the purpose. I felt like an old lady in one of John Leach's *Punch* pictures. She thought that a party of R.E.s were aiming at her with a blunderbuss, and had to be reassured with the words: "Don't be alarmed, ma'am, it's only a dumpy leveller." In these mathematical rites I took no part, but I did something. I carried three clubs round, and at intervals was bidden to play a shot to show, as I suppose, where the reasonably competent drive of a middle-aged gentleman would finish. The architect generally walked some forty yards past my ball, stuck his shooting-stick in the ground and said: "Right. Then here is the tiger's tee shot." Still, I had my "moments of glad grace." He declared that from the new tenth tee I could not reach the seventeenth green (which, thank goodness, will have to go), and I banged the ball not merely on to that green, but over it.

If anyone has ever tried this game of hitting shots to order for the purpose of particular tests, he will agree with me that it is no easy task, producing a horrible self-consciousness. You are told, for example, to hold the ball up as far as you can to the right: this with a wind blowing from right to left. You do it only too thoroughly, and produce a short slice. "Did you hit it?" yells the architect in the distance. "I could get farther with a little hook," you shout back reproachfully, and are told to try again. On the whole, I did uncommonly well. Only once did he design a pot bunker exactly where my best ball lay; I must add that he is splendidly economical in bunkers. Once—at least once—he had to reconsider his tee because my drive had gone too far, and—proudest honour of all—my shot with a driver and a teed ball was accepted as a real tiger's brassey shot.

After some two and a half hours with driver and dumpy leveller, we returned to the club-house, and never did I sink more gratefully into a chair or consume with greater zest, what Mr. Swiveller called a modest quencher. If anybody thinks that golfing architects do not work hard and earn their living by the sweat of their brow, I hereby throw down my gauntlet and will meet him with niblicks. That is to say, when I have recovered. I must have a little rest first.

THE KING OF SPORTS



FALCON HOODS AT BADDESLEY CLINTON

ONE reason—perhaps the chief—for the age-long fondness of kings for hawking lay in the opportunity that proficiency afforded for the Royal personage to impose his will spectacularly upon his falcon. That certainly seems to have been the chief allure of the sport to one of its greatest exponents, the Emperor Frederick II, whose treatise on hawking, compiled between 1230 and 1250, is one of the most remarkable productions of the Middle Ages. It was James I of England who paid a

very just tribute to the sport, in which his proficiency was famous in all civilised countries. When asked which he considered the better, hunting or hawking, he replied that intrinsically and from the sporting point of view he would give the palm to hawking. But that, so countless were the disappointments and difficulties besetting even the best falconers, few people possessed the patience to succeed with hawks, so that he felt obliged to decide in favour of hunting. Holbein's picture in the Mauritshuis



KING HENRY VIII's FALCONER, BY HOLBEIN (IN THE MAURITZHUIS)

at the Hague of Robert Cheseman, painted in 1533, recalls Henry VIII's addiction to falconry, since Cheseman is described as falconer to His Majesty. Though some of the interest in hawking to-day attaches to the beautiful accoutrements that

have survived from the past—we illustrate three hoods from Baddesley Clinton—there is a decided revival of interest in the sport as a sport, particularly in open country, such as Salisbury Plain and about Cambridge.

AN OFF WEEK IN RACING

SOME HINTS FOR LIVERPOOL



HAWTHORN HILL STEEPELCHASE: THE WARFIELD HANDICAP

Won by Captain R. Sassoon on his horse Jack Ketch. Mrs. Boswall-Preston's Tootenhill, ridden by H. Hardy, who came second, leading over the first fence

THE week's racing with which I am concerned was surely one of the dullest of the season. And yet it occurred at this fag end, when owners and their trainers are desperately anxious to win any sort of a race, and, therefore, keen on availing themselves of every possible opportunity to exploit their horses. It opened at Birmingham, two days were spent at Worcester, Friday was a complete blank, and Lingfield Park had the Saturday.

The general public cannot understand why the Lingfield Park meeting should not have opened on the Friday, seeing there are only three more weeks of flat racing before the end of the season. The reason is that no racecourse outside of Newmarket is permitted to have more than eight days of flat racing. Sandown Park, Kempton Park, Hurst Park and Lingfield Park must be on the same level, say, as Alexandra Park, though we know the standard of racing is not the same. Lingfield Park had had seven days this year. It, therefore, could not be permitted to have a ninth. Rather must there be a blank day. And there was!

Birmingham has one of the best racecourses in the country. There can be no question about that. I have noticed how the class of racing there is steadily improving, and it is all due to the excellence and fairness of the racecourse. At last week's meeting there were big fields, which, however, are symptomatic of November racing. On the first day the chief event, a seven furlong handicap, was worth as much as £825 to the winner.

This proved to be Mrs. Arthur James's three year old Pricket, who, starting at 8 to 1, won by a length from Lord Glanely's Grandmaster, a six year old that was receiving 6lb. apart from weight for age. Ken Hill, a recent winner at Newmarket, receiving 12lb., was third; Carola, receiving 2lb. was fourth; and fifth was the Ayr Gold Cup winner, Heronslea, who is, quite rightly, regarded as by far the fastest horse in the north. He was trying to give 22lb. to Pricket.

A PROMISING THREE YEAR OLD

Pricket is a black gelding by the Cambridgeshire winner, Twelve Pointer, from Picardel, and was bred by Mrs. James. Picardel has been a most successful brood mare, and Pricket may well prove the best of her successful progeny since he gives the impression of having further improvement in him. He has certainly made a good deal of headway of late. Carola, by Tetratema, was one of the best fillies of last year, and yet she has gone through this season without winning. I thought she won at Newmarket last month, but the judge gave her a head loser.

Carola's owner, Mrs. Corlette Glorney, is much disappointed that she has not won as a three year old, but the fact will not alter her determination to retire her to the stud at once. She tells me the filly's first mate is to be the Argentine horse Buen Ojo, who, with Lindos Ojos, Ojala and others, did remarkably well with his first crop of foals in this country. Mrs. Glorney is going for speed in this mating, since it is indicated in both Tetratema and Buen Ojo.

The chief race on the second day had a value of £422, and was a mile and a half handicap. In this case the winner, Gashmu, was a long-priced outsider and was very cleverly ridden by the rising light-weight star of the season, the fifteen year old boy, F. Rickaby. Gashmu beat the favourite, Covenden, by a length,

with Mr. A. de Rothschild's Alight in third place and a dozen others behind.

Gashmu's win may or may not have been well merited. It seemed, however, as if he rather snatched the verdict after a falsely run race, in the sense that the pace was poor. The outcome was that at least half a dozen horses appeared to have a chance fifty yards from home, and, possibly because the boy Rickaby had the sense to get in with first run on his horse, he secured such luck as was going. The winner is also a gelding, being by Prince Galahad, and is owned by Mr. Austen, who for a number of years past has had horses with Charles Waugh at Newmarket. He had run eight times before without winning.

It was at this Birmingham meeting that the jockey, H. Wragg, the eldest of three brothers riding, rode his hundredth winner of the season. He has reached the five-score mark before, and, all going well, he is sure to do so again. Most probably he would be leading jockey were his weight as low as that at which Gordon Richards can ride. For he is really top class, with a special *flair* for riding a waiting race.

Worcester had the two middle days of last week. All I need say about the meeting is that Gordon Richards and F. Rickaby, who is succeeding him as Lord Glanely's jockey, each rode three winners during the two days.

Mr. Blenkiron, the chairman of the Kempton Park executive, has a fine staying three year old in his Cheery Lad, who last Saturday, at Lingfield Park, won the Finale Handicap of two miles. Bearing in mind his considerable weight and his way of winning, one feels that he will quite likely prove one of the best stayers of next year.

RACING AT LIVERPOOL

There are two or three races of special interest to be decided at Liverpool this week-end. The meeting began on Wednesday, but the Autumn Cup race is fixed for to-day (Friday). It is not a race which attracts me from a betting point of view. Liverpool Cups are so often associated with disasters to the favourites. Hot Bun won a year ago with 7st. 12lb. Now she has 9st. 4lb., having recently won the Newbury Cup. Her weight will stop her this time. Of the Cambridgeshire horses I have some preference for Lord Bill, because I believe the course and the way the race is usually run will suit him. He may be nearly last, or even last, at the outset, but the long straight and the tiring finish will give him his chance.

The handicapping on Cambridgeshire running as between him, St. Oswald, Pommame, Hill Cat, Six Wheeler and Cat O' Nine Tails has been done almost to an ounce. Either of these might win with a bit of luck if Lord Bill does not. I prefer St. Oswald of the younger horses and Pommame of the older ones. The latter's form with Hush Hush, prior to his showing in the Cambridgeshire, gives him a reasonably sound chance, and either he or Lord Bill may win.

The Molyneux Steeplechase, on the same afternoon, is likely to be won by Remus for Mr. A. E. Berry. This is an extraordinarily big and powerful horse who seems to jump the Liverpool fences with ease. I believe there is a very bright future before this big fellow. The Cambridgeshire winner, Disarmament, is to run for the Grosvenor Cup. He will run well and beat Diolite, a classic winner of last year, but I have some doubt whether he can give 9lb. to Heronslea.

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COUNTRY LIFE IN THE XVIII CENTURY

Purefoy Letters, 1735-53. Two vols. Edited by G. Eland, F.S.A. (Sidgwick and Jackson, £2 2s.)

If history is the witness of the times, its evidence has, until recently, been very one-sided. We probably know as much as it is possible to know about the foreign policy of Walpole or those interminable eighteenth century wars; but on such an interesting question as how you and I would have lived in the spacious days of George II, History (with a capital H) is provokingly silent. These matters can only be discovered from the Purefoys of each generation, those admirably punctilious people who keep records of all their doings. In this respect Henry Purefoy and his mother, Eliza, were models of their kind. Not only did they keep account books and Henry a diary, but their scrupulous exactness led them to make and preserve a faithful copy of any letter either of them ever wrote. It is these letters, copied into three manuscript volumes, which Mr. Eland has carefully selected and edited, and they give us a picture, quite perfect in its rounded completion, of quiet country life in a corner of eighteenth century England.

Shalstone, the Purefoys' home, is at the northern apex of Buckinghamshire, close to the point where the county meets its neighbours, Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire. From the days of Edward I it has never changed hands by sale, although the present owners are descended not from Henry, who died in bachelordom, but from his great-aunt, Mary, who married a Jervoise. The correspondence opens in 1735, when Henry was thirty-eight. His mother was then sixty-three and a widow of thirty-one years' standing. And so we plunge in *medias res*, as it were, into an established order, which continues for eighteen years without change and, as Mr. Eland remarks, "with no development of character."

Mrs. Purefoy is best summed up in the epitaph her son composed for her. "She was a woman of excellent understanding, prudent and frugal, as well as a true friend to the family she married into." The justness of this estimate appears in every letter she wrote. Occasionally she might so far unbend as to exclaim to her goddaughter, Sukey, "God blesse my eyesight," but firmness and a strict attention to the matter in hand are her leading characteristics. Her eye, we feel, was on everything and everybody, and there can have been few people who got the better of her. Servants, in particular, had cause to fear and respect her. Mrs. Purefoy's standard of service was high and changes were frequent. Many of the letters are enquiries about a "good" chambermaid or a "good" footman, an agency she favoured being the shoemaker at Brackley. A suggestion from that quarter calls forth one of her most characteristic notes, in which second and third persons are inextricably mixed:

I received Mr. Whitmore's letter & am obliged to you for enquiring after a maid, & if her living at home in a Publick House has not given her too great an Assurance to live in a civilized private family I think there will be a probability of her doing.

The maid was tried, but did not turn out satisfactory, nor did a further application to Mr. Whitmore, two years later, prove more successful. This time it was a "cookmaid" that was wanted to replace one that was given to "telling falsities." The shoemaker's failure draws from Mr. Eland the appropriate comment: "Ne sutor ultra"

Henry was undoubtedly dominated by this vigorous old lady. A psychologist would probably diagnose him as a subject with pronounced Mother complex. Yet, in his indolent way, he was a good squire, sufficiently painstaking and conscientious over the not very exacting business of managing his small estate. By nature slow and retiring, "conversing more with Books than men," he could nevertheless rise to an occasion when necessary. Thus in his *annus mirabilis*, the year when he was elected to the office of High Sheriff, he discharged his duties with a becoming sense of his responsibilities. This is one of the two occasions when we are introduced to more important persons, and it is with thinly veiled pride that he writes to his mother from Aylesbury to tell her the names of "the Gentlemen of figure" serving on the Grand Jury. The second occasion was over a matter which, at the time, must have towered like a thundercloud over Henry's horizon and which Mr. Eland rightly reserves for the concluding chapter. "Purlieu hunting," the privilege of pursuing game in the purlieus skirting the Royal forest of Whittlebury, had been exercised for centuries by the Purefoys and their neighbours. Henry himself indulged in it on occasion, until the killing of a deer drew down on him the wrath of no less a person than the Duke of Grafton. The agony of mind he endured over a period of several months is vividly imprinted in the appealing letters he wrote to various influential people. In the end, however, all turns out happily. He goes to wait on the Duke, who gives him dinner, and "when I had dined the Duke drank my health & gave mee his Blessing." The threatened prosecution is withdrawn, and so comes to an end "the most troublesome affair I ever mett with."

Apart from the entertainment derived from the two protagonists, we learn much in these letters of eighteenth century habits of life and standards of comfort. Those which deal with medical, dental and optical complaints are particularly revealing, for Henry wore glasses, and his mother, as she grew older, required

a set of false teeth! On these and a hundred other matters the London agents were indispensable, and they are constantly being sent presents of game, venison, turkeys, a chine, "hog puddings" or "a banging hare." One of their most frequent commissions was the purchase of tickets in the public lotteries, to which both mother and son were regular, and not unsuccessful, subscribers. Thanks to Mr. Eland's sensible arrangement of the letters under headings, instead of chronologically, we can see the whole range of the Purefoys' lives set out neatly in their different compartments. The Parish, the Estate, Building, Housekeeping, Family Affairs, Clothes, Visits to Bath and London are some of the different categories. In the whole body of letters there are only two references to events of wider import. One is to the earthquakes of 1750 and the other a passing allusion in a postscript to the '45: "Wee hear y^e Duke of Cumberland & part of his army were quartered at North'ton this last ffriday night." Otherwise there is nothing to disturb the even tenor of their lives. *Hic secura quies et nescia fallere vita.*

A. S. O.

A SELECTION FOR THE LIBRARY LIST
LORD ROSEBERRY, by the Marquess of Crewe, K.C. (Murray, £2 2s.); A GAME WARDEN AMONG HIS CHARGES, by Captain Pitman, D.S.O. (Nisbet, 16s.); MY ARNOLD BENNETT, by Marguerite Bennett (Ivor Nicholson and Watson, 8s. 6d.); THE MEANING OF ART, by Herbert Reed (Faber and Faber, 3s. 6d.) *Fiction*.—APARTMENTS TO LET, by Norah Holt (Heinemann, 7s. 6d.); THE VIRTUOUS VAMP, by J. Storer Clouston (Blackwood, 7s. 6d.); THE HAPPY PRISONER, by Lorna Rea (Heinemann, 5s.). *Plays*.—THE LONG CHRISTMAS DINNER, by Thornton Wilder (Longmans Green, 6s.).

SHORTER NOTICES

The Perfect Golfer, by H. N. Wethered. (Methuen, 7s. 6d.)

MR. WETHERED states, with a modesty extremely touching in a parent, that both his son and daughter were first asked to write this book, and both declined. So he had to do it himself, and he has produced a very attractive, easy-going disquisition on the game in general and, in particular, that post-War phase of it in which he has, vicariously, taken so important a part. In the course of it he has, naturally, to say a good deal about his two distinguished children. Fathers writing about their children can sometimes give the reader a cold shiver down the spine, but Mr. Wethered is not one of the fathers who, in colloquial language, "slop over." Those whom half the world now call Roger and Joyce he alludes to with a pleasant austerity of manner as Mr. and Miss Wethered. We learn that Miss Wethered would not at first think hard enough to please her more intense and exacting brother, and that she was told that she would never be able to play, since she "would not study the game." This appears to be, on the whole, the worst prophecy that ever was made, but who knows? Perhaps it was the lash of fraternal criticism that produced the best golfer in the world. Mr. Wethered is very interesting about the modern generation and their striving after length of hitting. He takes up the cudgels bravely on their behalf and maintains that, though worship of length by itself is not of much avail, yet decent, steady golf without power will never get a player anywhere. I am inclined to think that he rather under-estimates the golfing teachers who wrote before the War: a great deal of what they taught is accepted to-day, though it is now sometimes expressed in a mysterious language which gives it a spurious glamour. However, I dare say that I am only sticking up for outworn creeds because I was taught them in hero-worshipping youth. In any case, Mr. Wethered is so much too kind and charming about those who write golf in the newspapers that I could not quarrel with him even if I felt inclined to. I can only say to him, as Sam did to the footman at Bath, "I like your conversation much, I think it very pretty."

B. D.

The Mother, by Naomi Royde-Smith. (Gollancz, 6s.)

MISS ROYDE-SMITH has done a very delicate thing here; she has devoted nearly two hundred pages to a story whose events occur in the mind of its chief actor that have, in effect, no exterior significance. She takes us into the thoughts of a young mother sitting on the lawn in the summer sunshine, her little sons playing beside her, and at first they are only the memories of a short life, of childhood, girlhood, wifehood and motherhood, lived with a gentle self-effacement in an atmosphere of happiness. But a trivial gesture on the part of her adored baby Beng precipitates a spiritual crisis which sweeps her, there in the summer sunshine at her sewing, and leaves her a different woman, with an understanding of life, herself, her husband and her children infinitely greater, more tender and clear-eyed. The setting of the story, the two children, particularly Beng, are most beautifully done, and the book, with the type of reader who can appreciate such delicacy, will rank high among her work.

B. E. S.

Results of An Accident, by Vicki Baum. (Geoffrey Bles, 7s. 6d.)

IT is probable that this novel will not achieve the success of "Grand Hotel"—it is not so spectacular, and, no doubt, that quality attracts popularity: but I am inclined to think that it deserves more. The author's extraordinary understanding of the very hearts of men and women and of what might be called the technique of many different ways of life is shown again here as brilliantly as in the former novel, and, if without such originality of scheme, with a greater and more general human interest. We are taken to the house of a struggling doctor in a small German country town; we are shown the fears and hopes of the doctor, his wife and a handful of their neighbours; and then a motor accident throws into this rather stagnant pool three strange fish—a wealthy manufacturer, a lovely film star who is his mistress of the moment, and a young prize-fighter, a national celebrity. Unconsciously they and their chauffeur, whose only action is to die uncomplainingly, alter the lives of the townspeople as the result of their accident. The doctor and his wife are our chief concern, and their story is told with so much understanding, justice and, for all its ugliness in detail, essential beauty that it forms an epic in little on that strange, often questioned but curiously strong institution, marriage. *Results of an Accident* is

in the best possible sense—that is, the unselfconscious one—a healthy book, and "Grand Hotel" was not: that, perhaps, is the greatest difference between them.

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Ithuriel's Hour, by Joanna Cannan. (Hodder and Stoughton, 7s. 6d.) I DOUBT whether, in its own field, there have been many novels that better *Ithuriel's Hour*. It is a story of adventure, the conquering of a virgin Himalayan peak by a little party of Englishmen, gloriously told; it is, as well, a penetrating study of character, and a vivid picture—

moving picture—of the effect of temperament on temperament. All the characters in the story—but, above all, Sir Clement Vyse, the leader of the expedition, his son David, John Ullathorne, the climber, and his wife—are splendidly endowed with life and with that sharp outline dividing one personality from another which is characteristic of real men and women and the cause of half their pains, and generally completely absent in the people of books. *Ithuriel's Hour* is—and this time the adjective is justified—breathlessly exciting, a fine performance, a novel to be highly recommended.

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"THE FUTURE OF CHURCHES"

TO THE EDITOR OF "COUNTRY LIFE."

SIR,—Your leading article on "The Future of Churches" in COUNTRY LIFE of October 31st is both welcome and timely, and I heartily agree with it.

The depopulation of the countryside and the impoverishment of the Church are causing an increasing number of unions of benefices, hence the difficult problem of now redundant churches, as a result. These, almost without exception, are old and of definite architectural value. The question of their care and future use must be tackled sooner or later.

It seems to me that the right and obvious course is to hand over such churches to the Ancient Monuments Department of H.M. Office of Works, and I think you are right in your suggestion that the Ancient Monuments Act should be extended so as to make such a course possible.

You instance the threat to the York and Exeter churches. It is disconcerting that those responsible have learnt nothing from their previous rebuff when so determined an attempt was made a few years ago to destroy many of the City churches. What further proof is required that appropriate legislation is an urgent necessity?

Other uses could easily be found for urban churches, but the problem of isolated rural ones, in sparsely populated districts, is far more difficult.

I imagine that the two threatened churches in the diocese of Ely, to which you refer, may be those near King's Lynn, at Wiggenhall St. Peters, on the east bank of the Ouse, and at Tilney-cum-Islington, on the opposite side of the river.

I chanced to visit the former as recently as two days before your article was published and found a deplorable state of things. There was a fine fifteenth century church fast becoming a ruin through poverty and apathy.

The nave roof of Wiggenhall St. Peters Church has partly collapsed, immediately west of the chancel arch, and ivy is growing into and over it to hasten the progress of destruction. It is now proposed to remove the whole of the roof of the nave, whether it is safe or not, yet some of it seems to be quite sound, and to repair the tops of the walls, at an approximate cost of £60. Its future state would thus be a roofless and useless ruin.

For, I suppose, about double the cost of its destruction the roof could be repaired as a first step towards reconditioning the old building and giving it a new lease of life for some other parochial purpose.

Tilney Islington is a very similar case, but, unfortunately, there are many such all over the country. I hope your article will focus attention on this present unsatisfactory state of things and be the means of causing action to be taken.

Surely something should be done, and done soon!—BASIL OLIVER.



A MUSK DEER FAWN FROM THE KUARI PASS.

A PRISONER FROM KAMET

TO THE EDITOR OF "COUNTRY LIFE."

SIR,—I enclose a photograph taken on the recent Kamet Expedition which I thought might be of interest to you.

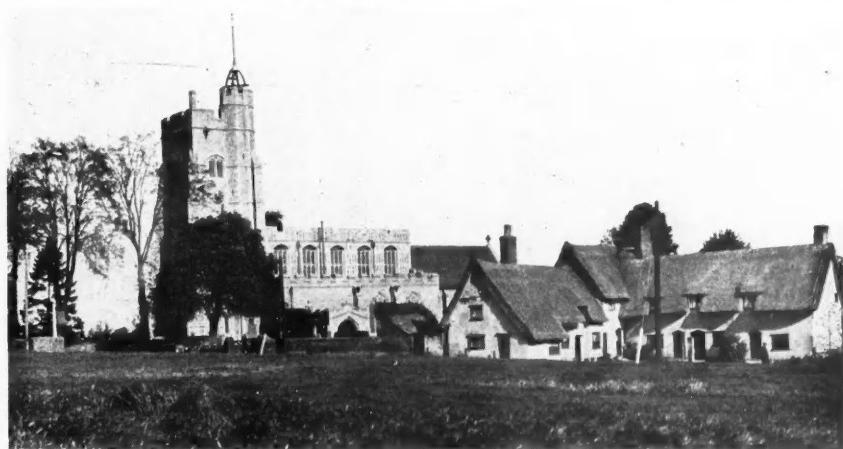
It is of a small musk deer faun found wandering about by one of our Gurkha N.C.O.s near the Kuari Pass at a height of between 10,000 and 11,000ft.

It survived for a few days on a diet of condensed milk, but in the end it unfortunately died.—E. B. BEAUMAN, Wing Com., R.A.F.

THE BISHOP'S PALACE AT ST. DAVID'S

TO THE EDITOR OF "COUNTRY LIFE."

SIR,—You may be interested to hear that the position with regard to the possible restoration of the Bishop's Palace at St. David's is now as follows. The Office of Works are still open to undertake it, but terms have not yet been arranged by which the Dean and Chapter could retain the right to use the courtyard inside for Church gatherings as at present. The Dean told me that he hoped that a satisfactory plan would be reached. It seems a pity that they must retain the use of the place in this way, but there does not seem to be any other land available for large open-air gatherings, and the hut now standing in the ruins is used as a parish hall. But I think the old idea of trying to raise money enough for restoring it without Government help is now abandoned. The £3,000 given by the Pilgrim Trust will be used wisely in preserving the College building; after that there will be an effort



CAVENDISH IN SUFFOLK

to get enough to put it into use again as a Retreat House and that would be a great mistake, I think. But sufficient unto the day.—M. WIGHT.

"RATS AND MICE IN COAL MINES"

TO THE EDITOR OF "COUNTRY LIFE."

SIR,—Your correspondent, Cecil Irving, has interested us in his letter giving details of a frog found alive in an empty pocket in a coal seam.

A few years ago our men were excavating chalk on hitherto untouched land, opening out a huge hole for the construction of a slurry mixer 50ft. in diameter and 15ft. deep. When roughly 12ft. down, on striking the strata of solid chalk, they caused a slip of two to three tons, behind which, tucked away in a fissure, was a live frog.

Naturally, a very interesting discussion ensued, with the result that, owing to the discolouration of the chalk at this particular point, we could only assume that spawn had been carried through the cleft by water, the same means providing the frog with its food.

The humorous side was provided by one man who was standing aloof, and who, when asked for his verdict, naively replied, "Stand back there, them frogs spit fire"—a prevalent belief in many districts—GEO. J. SCHOLEY.

[Miss Frances Pitt, to whom we sent our correspondent's letter, writes: "Frogs have an amazing knack of getting into out of the way places, especially in the late autumn when seeking winter quarters, which may have been the explanation of this specimen found so deep in the chalk. That spawn was carried down was not likely, seeing the needs of the tadpole with regard to food and a continuous supply of water. The probabilities lie with an adult having crept down through fissures in the ground. This is undoubtedly the explanation of that evergreen myth concerning 'the toad in the living rock.' The rural belief in 'frogs spitting fire' may be traced to the extraordinarily quick flash of the toad's extensible tongue when capturing a grub, which latter batrachian takes all its prey in this way."—Ed.]

THE ORIGINAL HOME OF THE CAVENDISHES

TO THE EDITOR OF "COUNTRY LIFE."

SIR,—You may be interested to see the photograph of the village green and church at Cavendish in Suffolk. It is from this village that the Dukes of Devonshire take their name.

The church is chiefly Perpendicular and has a fine timber roof. There is also in it a brass eagle which is said to have been presented by Queen Elizabeth.

On a stone under the tower are four brass shields. This stone bears the Cavendish arms and is in memory of Sir John Cavendish, Chief Justice of the King's Bench, who was murdered in Bury St. Edmunds in 1381 during Wat Tyler's insurrection.

I think that the green, with its thatched cottages and the grey stone church portrays a scene which is specially typical of our English countryside.—H. RAIT KERR.

Nov. 14th, 1931.

A CURIOUS MASS CLOCK

TO THE EDITOR OF "COUNTRY LIFE."

SIR.—By the kindness of the museum authorities I send you a print of a very curious type



SCRATCH DIAL FROM CARMARTHEN

of Mass clock or scratch dial now in the Carmarthen Museum and formerly on the wall of the parish church there.

Dom Ethelbert Horne, in his book on *Scratch Dials*, says: "A Scratch Dial differs from a true sundial first by being cut directly on a stone in the wall, while a sundial usually has a plate or face of its own." In this case, the stone was inserted into the church wall and held there by clamps, yet in every other respect it is a primitive scratch dial of the type that is marked by dots instead of lines. (The lines, of course, have been marked out in chalk for the information of visitors to the museum.)

I have never seen or heard of any dial at all resembling this one; the normal scratch dial is simply marked out on the wall of the church. No information seems to be forthcoming as to its history or date. The museum also houses the finely carved upright of the old churchyard cross.—M. W.

THE ADDER AND HER YOUNG

TO THE EDITOR OF "COUNTRY LIFE."

SIR.—On October 1st I killed, in the Isle of Wight, a female adder with six young. This is the second that I have caught with young ones, each having six.

The adder was lying full length on a rock protruding from a bank. On seeing me she raised her head and hissed, lowered her head again with open mouth, and the young ones darted from the dry grass surrounding the rock and entered her mouth one by one, very quickly.

She then slid from the rock, apparently intending to go under it, when I struck her. The blow brought her to a stop, but it was so near to the tail as to enable her to be useful with her head, and she would have put up a great fight, but I killed her, as I do not believe in even vermin suffering.

I had for a weapon a four-grained garden fork, and the blow that I first struck, which caught her about two inches from the tail, between the fork and the rock, caused a gaping wound; I opened this wider with the point of one of the grains of the fork, and the young ones, which were seven inches long and perfectly marked and very lively, slid out and moved about in the grass, and I killed them.

I was about three yards away when the adder saw me and called her young. I would like you to understand that the movements

which I have described were very quick. I have two witnesses to prove this.—J. L. COLE.

[We sent our correspondent's letter to Dr. Collinge and append his comments, together with the very interesting diagram he has been good enough to send us: "I have read Mr. J. L. Cole's letter with considerable interest, but I am not convinced that his report is an accurate account of what actually happened. I do not for a moment doubt his good faith. He reports what he thinks he saw. What I believe happened was as follows: The adder when first seen by Mr. Cole had given birth to some of the young, and when alarmed they quickly dived beneath the body of the parent. As Mr. Cole says, 'the movements were very quick,' and my suggestion is that, seeing the young, and the mother with her mouth open, and their rapid disappearance, your correspondent came to the conclusion that they had entered the mouth. Mr. Cole then struck the snake and tore open the vagina and oviduct, at the posterior end of the body, and the remaining young were born. Had the young been swallowed by the parent, it would have been impossible for them to travel the whole length of the intestinal canal and reach the posterior end of the body in the time stated, and if

A SCHOOL FRIEND

TO THE EDITOR OF "COUNTRY LIFE."

SIR.—Perhaps this picture of my tawny owl, Bunty might interest some of your readers.



BUNTY OF BOHEMIA

She is a Bohemian specimen and is greyer than her British relations. She is a very affectionate pet, and she loves being scratched on the head, but strangers always get pecked for their pains! When annoyed she puffs herself out like balloon, and only when the offender has gone does her anger abate. Bunty lives in a shed, and spends most of her time either eating or sleeping. Another strange pet I have is a tame bat. This is a greater horseshoe bat. It feeds on raw meat and water. When allowed out for a flight in the shed she threads her way dexterously through any obstacle that may be near her.—L. M. BLACKMORE, *Downsides School*.

TERN'S NEST OVER A CHURCH PORCH

TO THE EDITOR OF "COUNTRY LIFE."

SIR.—Jamestown, on the island of St. Helena, has a large breeding colony of white terns (*Leucanuus albucus*) nesting not all round, but even in the town itself. The cliff overhanging the quay holds hundreds of nests, and what must be a unique site, is a church in the main street, where, last year, a white tern sat on her eggs over the church porch and reared her brood there.—H. W. ROBINSON.

MODELS OF FARM WAGONS

TO THE EDITOR OF "COUNTRY LIFE."

SIR.—Perhaps you may be interested in the enclosed photographs of farm wagon models made by me. These models of scale 1½ ins. to 1 ft., represent in detail the old-style country-made wagons of Sussex and Oxfordshire as made prior to and during the last century.

The characteristic feature of both types is the waisted or curving fronts, designed to allow the high front wheels to lock well into the sides when turning. In the case of the Oxford wagon (a variation of a type originally, I believe, evolved in Gloucestershire) the body is low built and the rails right to a curve to clear the very high hind wheels. Most of the timbers are curved, entailing difficult work in fitting the sides against the splayed ribs.

The wheels are of the old type, heavily "dished" or "pitched," leaning out at the tops and having very large hubs turning on wooden axle arms sheathed on the undersides with steel.

Some models by the writer are exhibited in the Agricultural Section of the Science Museum, South Kensington.—H. R. WAITING.



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THE ESTATE MARKET ROWFANT LET

THE Sussex seat of Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson, M.P., Rowfant, Crawley, has been let, furnished, by Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley, with the shooting over the estate. The Elizabethan mansion commands extensive forest views.

Rowfant was illustrated and described in COUNTRY LIFE in 1921 (Vol. L, page 686). In 1848, having for centuries served as the home of typical Sussex squires, the house (after being changed during those years to meet what was on the whole a steady, uninterrupted accretion of wealth and higher standards of residential comfort) was acquired by Sir Curtis Lampson. He enlarged the house in harmony with Tudor notions and, good as his work was, we may rejoice that he left the whole south front in its virginal purity as an example of the small Elizabethan manor house.

The writer of the article in 1921 said very little about the house, but turned his attention mainly to the attractive topic of the character and doings of Sir Curtis Lampson, his collection of books and works of art and his circle of distinguished friends. "The whole has the atmosphere of distinction, but it has no flavour of the museum: it has the personal touch which makes it the furnishing of a home." That assurance from so competent a critic as the eminent divine who wrote the article is very material to-day when the house is to be let furnished. It may be added that, according to the same writer, the collection was enriched by innumerable items year by year at a total annual cost that in these days would hardly suffice to buy a single lot in first-rate auctions of the antique.

Lord Dunmore, v.c., has sold Breton Hill, near Weybridge, 13 acres, through Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley.

The late Lady Loreburn's Kent coast house, Dumfries, a freehold on the cliff at Kingsdown, has been sold by Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley and Messrs. Howland and Co. since the auction, by order of the Public Trustee.

No. 62, Hamilton Terrace, St. John's Wood, will be offered by Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley for the executors on the premises on November 19th, and not on December 3rd as previously arranged.

NUNEHAM PARK: PROPOSED LETTING

LORD HARCOURT is willing to let Nuneham Park, furnished, for a short term of years. An illustrated special article on the property appeared in COUNTRY LIFE (Vol. XXXIV, page 746). Included in the letting would be shooting over 2,000 acres, of which 450 acres are woodland. The seat occupies a grand site, 200ft. above the Thames, and the park has a long frontage to the river at a point six miles from Oxford and eighteen from Henley. "Capability" Brown laid out the grounds and Mason, the poet, enriched them with imaginative effort; while Oxford, in days when less was thought of antiques than is now the case, contributed to the park the conduit that stood opposite Carfax Church from 1610 until 1787, when the second earl acquired it for Nuneham. The house is splendidly endowed with fine old furniture and fascinating treasures, and would-be tenants

will like to have Walpole's opinion that "Nuneham is not superb, but so calm, *riant* and comfortable, so live-at-able, one wakes in a morning on such a whole picture of beauty." We hope to refer again to the seat.

The contents of Pishiobury Park are for sale by Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley on the premises on November 17th, including a Sheraton mahogany set of fourteen dining chairs.

The furniture at Myrthurst, near Reigate, will be sold by Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley and Messrs. Hewett and Lee on the premises on November 16th and 17th. Included in the sale are pictures by and attributed to David Murray, R.A., E. W. Cooke, R.A., James Webb, J. McWhirter, R.A., Phil Morris, A.R.A., and Thomas Faed, R.A. The estate of 1,887 acres will be submitted at Reigate on November 18th.

Sales by Messrs. James Styles and Whitlock include the Manor House, Barford St. John, near Banbury, an old Oxfordshire manor house with stone-mullioned windows, in grounds of 14 acres; Kingham Grange, near the Gloucester border of Oxfordshire, comprising the stone residence, part of which dates back 400 years, and 2 acres; also Baywater Farm, Headington, 25 acres.

Tudor House, Broadway, Worcestershire, has been placed in the hands of Messrs. Collins and Collins for sale. The old building of Cotswold stone stands in the main street of Broadway. The exquisitely coloured stonework, gables, stone-mullioned windows and open fireplaces combine to make it a house that will appeal to lovers of the old, and there has been judicious internal modernisation.

CONTENTS OF COUNTRY HOUSES

TWO important dispersals of the contents of country houses are entrusted to Messrs. Humbert and Flint. On November 17th and 18th at Boreham House, Essex, they will sell the old English and other furniture, and paintings by Angelica Kauffmann and other celebrated artists. This sale is by order of the trustees of the late Sir John Tyssen Tyrell, Bt. We mentioned recently that Mr. Henry Ford had bought Boreham House, near Chelmsford (COUNTRY LIFE, July 11th, 1931, page 54).

For the executors of the late Sir John E. Mitchell, O.B.E., Messrs. Humbert and Flint are to sell the contents of Haffield, Ledbury, by auction opening on November 24th. The catalogue comprises paintings, sporting prints, bronzes, pewter, silver plate, a wonderful sporting outfit, two Rolls-Royces, a Daimler and another motor car. The firm is to sell the estate. The house stands in a spacious undulating park, and the whole estate is of 162 acres. There is first-rate pheasant shooting on this land with a chance of renting two or three square miles of shooting rights adjoining. But the important point about Haffield is its inclusion of troutning in the Leadon and a half-share in the freehold rights of the Hampton Bishop Fishery, Hereford, comprising much of the best salmon fishing in the Wye.

Messrs. William Willett, Limited, have sold Littleton Park, Chertsey, the seat of Sir Edward Nicholl. The property will be used as film studios. Messrs. Nightingale, Page and Bennett acted as conjoint agents. The sale was announced in COUNTRY LIFE last week.

By order of the executors, a South Kensington freehold, Pembroke Lodge, No. 15, The Boltons, will be sold by Messrs. Hampton and Sons in conjunction with Messrs. Knight and Co., at St. James's Square, next Tuesday, November 17th. The contents of the residence will be sold on the premises on November 9th and 10th.

Sir Edwin Lutyens designed The Hoo, Willingdon, near Eastbourne, now for the first time in the market. Messrs. Powell and Co. are the agents. The house is commodious and stands in beautiful grounds, and the situation is one that combines the advantages of the countryside with easy access to the coast, where the South Downs make their steep descent to the Channel.

IMPERIAL YEOMANRY TRUST: A SALE

ESDALE HOUSE, Hoddesdon, has been sold by Messrs. George Trollope and Sons and Messrs. John D. Wood and Co. for The Imperial Yeomanry Trust, subject to the approval of the Charity Commissioners. The property has been sold in consequence of the object of the School having been attained, and it affords first-rate premises for institutional purposes. Besides the house, with accommodation for about forty children, there are extensive grounds and a playing field, while adjoining is a large recreation hall, two cottages, and a block of garages and stables. Hoddesdon was a favourite resort of Izaak Walton, delightfully rural, and handy for London and Hertford.

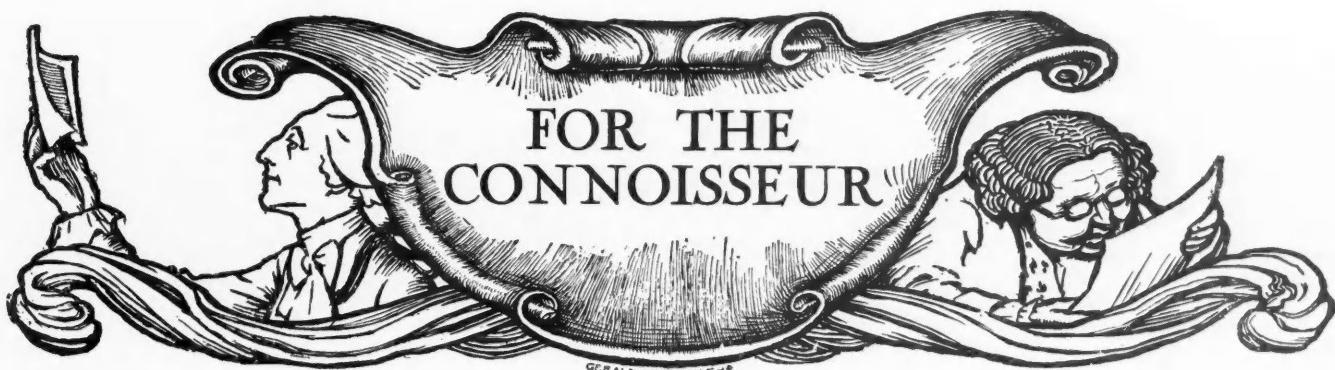
Beechworth, Hampstead, is to be sold by Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley, who are submitting Nos. 45, Grosvenor Square; and 30, Montpelier Place, Knightsbridge.

Hampstead and Highgate houses have been changing hands more freely in the last week or so, and Messrs. Prickett and Ellis announce the sale of one of the large detached leasehold residences in Stormont Road, near Kenwood, and other property, including a country house and an acre at Arkley. The firm has for sale a Totteridge property of 2 acres, close to the golf course, for £7,000, half of which it cost just before the War.

Messrs. Hampton and Sons have for disposal the Hampstead Heath house associated for some time with Romney, who moved from Cavendish Square to Holly Bush Hill, Hampstead Heath, and he attributed to his having gone into occupation before the house had been properly aired an illness that lasted on and off throughout the rest of his life. "The house has (as we remarked in these pages when a previous sale of the house was about to be effected) had a good many decades in which to dry since then."

Next Wednesday (November 18th) and the following day the contents of Broom Hall, two miles from Biggleswade, will be sold by Messrs. Harrods' Estate Offices and Messrs. F. W. Western and Co. Among the items are Sheraton, Pembroke and card tables, oak gate-leg tables, a Sheraton sideboard, and a bow-fronted Sheraton side table, James II chair and table and a set of Sheraton dining chairs; eighteenth century bracket clocks; old Chinese and English porcelain, including *famille verte* dishes of the K'hang-hsi period, and Worcester and Rockingham tea services. The freehold residence with 40 acres can be purchased.

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FRENCH FURNITURE in the DUCHESS OF ROXBURGHE'S COLLECTION.—I

To the Duchess of Roxburghe's collection of French furniture of the second half of the eighteenth century, that "finished issue and realised pattern," the cabinet (Fig. 2) is a fit historic prelude, introducing the solidity and monumental art of the reign of Louis XIV. It is probably the work of André Charles Boulle (1642–1732), to whom at one time was given the credit for inventing metal and tortoiseshell marquetry, and who was certainly the leading artist in *marqueterie d'étain*, although he neither invented nor limited himself to this special class of marquetry. Early in his career Colbert reported him to the King as "le plus habile de Paris dans son métier," and obtained quarters for him in the Louvre. He was a man of many gifts, an ardent collector as well as a fine craftsman. Money slipped through his hands at the sales of works of art; he borrowed to buy, and borrowed at exorbitant interest. Thus his debts kept pace with his collection—"c'était une manie," as Mariette wrote. By 1720 Boulle's workshops were large, and housed a number of joiners, cabinetmakers and metal workers. His warehouses were stocked with exotic woods for veneering, and in a small gallery close by were stored models in wax and clay, and casts after the great masters of sculpture. In the rooms occupied by Boulle himself were placed his fine collection of drawings, medals and engravings. Much was destroyed in a fire in 1720, and at the sale in 1732 only the "pitiful remains were exhibited of one of the finest collections that had ever been made." Authentic specimens of the work of Boulle and his *atelier* served as models to Montigny and Levasseur at the close of the eighteenth century, when that style came again into fashion; and in some cases these copies are so close that they are only distinguished from the originals by the treatment of the mounts.

The cabinet—which, like most "Boulle" cabinets of the period, is shallow and rectangular—has the front formed into three doors, having the panels marquetryed on a pewter ground and mounted with applied masks and other details in cast and chased ormolu. The design of the two lateral doors consists of an irregular plinth enclosing a panel of marquetryed tortoiseshell and mounted at the angles with rams' heads. Above this is suspended a draped female mask in high relief. The pewter field is marquetryed with slender leafy scrolls. In the centre door, a figure of Bacchus in ormolu rests upon an altar plinth which contains a panel of tortoiseshell marquetryed with a pendant of husks. Above his head is suspended a pendant and festoon of marquetryed husks, and above this, again, is a mask and leafy volutes in ormolu. This centre door closely resembles the centre doors of a pair of cabinets in the Royal collection at Windsor Castle; but the figures of the deities at Windsor are Ceres and Flora. The design of the three cabinets has, also, many similarities; the bold egg and tongue moulding serving as cornice is identical, as are the inverted cone-like feet and base moulding. Sir Guy Laking, in describing the pair of cabinets at Windsor, wrote that, in his opinion, these "are the finest examples of Boulle work in the whole of the Royal collection. In these cabinets may be traced the direct hand of André Charles Boulle, and they have suffered but little from restoration." The single cabinet in this collection is of the same high quality.

The unsigned commode (Fig. 3) is in the fully developed roccoco, which has been defined as "the will to freedom in art." The use of a balanced but asymmetrical detail was, no doubt, as Monsieur Molinier has suggested, the result of the taste for collecting Oriental objects of art, such as porcelain and lacquer, in which Oriental balance takes the place of the symmetry of Western design. At its best, the roccoco dances—"all life and flicker and full of vigorous and changing curves." The marquetryed panels of the front and sides are framed and protected by leafy bands of ormolu, and scroll-like loopings form the handles of the two drawers. The junction of the veneer on the legs is also protected by



1.—MARQUETRIED COMMODE BY P. A. FOULLET



2.—CABINET OF "BOULLE" MARQUETRY.
Period of Louis XIV

ormolu. The commode is surmounted by a marble slab. The succeeding commode (Fig. 1), which expresses the transitional style between Louis XV and Louis XVI, is marquetryed in front with designs of flower-sprays springing from an ornamental vase, and with a large oval medallion of village and landscape. It bears the stamp of Pierre Antoine Fouillet, who gained the *maîtrise* in 1765 and set up a workshop soon after this date on the Rue du Faubourg St. Antoine, moving after 1769 to the Rue de Charonne. His work is noted for its mellow marquetry with designs of flowers and gallant subjects, framed in a manner that is often original and has even been described as bizarre. The scroll handles to the drawers are unusual. Upon the commode stand two charming groups of children in terracotta, by Petitot, and a Louis XVI clock resting upon a plinth with a mourning nymph in ormolu.

The marquetry cabinet (Fig. 4) bears the stamp of Nicolas Petit, a well known ébéniste (1732-91), whose working life saw the transition from the free style of Louis XV to the *goût grec*. He attained the *maîtrise* in 1761, and his establishments in the Rue du Faubourg St. Antoine were very fashionable. Petit's



3.—MARQUETRIED COMMODE
Period of Louis XV

style was revolutionised by the classical revival, and under Louis XVI he made a practice of mounting cabinets and commodes with panels of lacquer, Sèvres plaques and Florentine mosaic. Rectangular in the main, the angles of the cabinet are softened, the plinth shaped, and the applied ormolu is in the roccoco manner. The sides and lower portion are marquetryed with groups of flowers, while the face of the upper cupboard is decorated with a trophy of Roman body armour, cannon, drums and standards, one charged with the double eagle. There is a

little ormolu mounting on this piece, with the exception of a gallery, a small pendant and foliage protecting the feet. The French were, early in the eighteenth century, informed as to the difficult technique of Oriental lacquer and began to explore the various methods of "japanning" or imitating these Oriental originals, and to mount panels of Japanese lacquer on their own cabinetwork. Japanese lacquer made during the late seventeenth and eighteenth centuries exclusively for foreign export was known as *makie* (or "spread picture") and was decorated in gold on a ground of black. During the major part of the eighteenth century the fashion for furniture mounted with



4.—MARQUETRIED CABINET BY N. PETIT



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lacquered panels was at its height, and there are fine examples of such pieces by well known ébénistes in the *Mobilier National* and in the Royal collection at Windsor Castle. The cabinet (Fig. 5) in the Duchess of Roxburgh's collection bears the stamp of Jean François Leleu (1724-1807), who towards the close of Louis XV's reign had furnished the French Court with several pieces of furniture, now preserved in the *Mobilier National*. Leleu's signed work always gives an impression of elegance and finish; he worked for Madame du Barri and also for the Prince de Condé, and supplied, between 1772 and 1777, furniture to the value of more than 60,000 livres. His son-in-law, Antoine



7.—FAUTEUIL COVERED WITH BEAUVAIS TAPESTRY

Stadler, became his partner in 1780 and carried on the business after Leleu retired in 1792. The upper stage is enclosed by a falling front, while the lower is fitted with drawers, which are mounted with escutcheons. The large panels of Japanese lacquer are designed with hunting and fowling scenes, seen against a landscape of Chinese character with fir trees, lakes and buildings with incurved roofs. The ormolu enrichments are restricted to shoes, pendant and angle mounts.

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a fresh impulse, so that "those who formerly sent for tapestry hangings to Brussels dropped this practice." The sets, both those with floral designs (Figs. 6 and 8) and those with subjects after La Fontaine's fables (Fig. 7), are brilliantly preserved. The delicacy of the drawing of the large sprays of grouped flowers

A PORTRAIT BY

A RECENTLY discovered portrait by the artist Gilbert Stuart (1755-1828), whose artistic life was divided between England and America, is one of the many interesting paintings at Messrs. Leggatt's galleries. Stuart, who was born in what is now Washington County, Rhode Island, came to London in 1775 and studied under Benjamin West. Dunlop tells us that in 1784 and the years immediately succeeding he saw "the half-lengths and full-lengths of Stuart occupying the best lights and most conspicuous places at the annual exhibitions of the Royal Academy," and that Stuart's was "the highest seat a portrait painter wishes to fill, that of a fashionable and leading artist in the great metropolis." In 1787 he went to Ireland, where he was as popular and successful in his profession as he had been in England. The portrait, painted in an oval, is of George Matcham (1753-1833), who married in 1785 Nelson's sister Catherine. Matcham retired from the East India Company's service in 1783, and made a leisurely journey home by way of Persia, Arabia, Egypt and the Greek islands. At one time, "attended only by an Arab suite, he performed a journey on horseback from Bagdad to Pera, and traversed the wild country of the Kurds."

When he settled down in England to the life of a country gentleman, he was (we are told) particularly "averse to public occupations, but employed his time in pursuits suitable to English gentlemen." It was to Matcham's recommendations that London owes the conversion of a portion of St. James's Park into "the pleasure grounds near the Palace which occupy the place of what was then marshy meadow." The portrait was painted in Bath in 1787. The fresh colouring of Matcham's alert face, the easy play of light, the fluent breadth with which the green coat and such-like details are painted make this an admirable example of Stuart's craftsmanship.

Also in this collection is a fine full-length portrait of Lieutenant-General Hay Macdowell (1758-1809), in which the scarlet of the general's uniform forms a vivid note of colour. Hay Macdowell entered the Army in 1774 and served for several years in the East. In 1803 he took Kandy, and two years later was advanced to the rank of lieutenant-general, and about the same time given a command in India. In 1807 he became Commander-in-Chief in Madras, a command which he resigned two years later.

Allan Ramsay, a Scottish painter, the portraits of whose middle period are remarkable for a delicate realism in the painting of silk diapers and lace, is represented by a portrait of Lady Macleod seated at a spinet. Vertue, who visited Ramsay's studio in 1751, speaks of Ramsay's "ladies, delicate & genteel—easy, free likeness, their habits & dresses well disposed & airy, his silks, satines, etc., shimmering beautiful and clean, with great variety"; and the silken shimmer of Lady Macleod's dress of old rose is characteristic. The picture, which has its original frame, comes from the collection of Major Innes Taylor, from whom it passed to the Innes Baron family.

Among portraits in this collection is to be noted a three-quarter-length of the Duchess of Parma by Justus Suttermanns, a Fleming, who, as a Court painter in Italy, developed a style which is markedly Italian. Almost the whole of his existence was spent in a foreign court, which set

in the settee and chairs is remarkable. These two sets express the Louis XV style, and the transition to the classic is shown in the set with medallions "after the antique" in the centre of the floral ornament. The ground of these medallions is blue, reflecting the popularity of Wedgwood's blue grand medallions. M. J.

GILBERT STUART

a very high value on his talents as a portraitist, and Italian sovereigns competed for the honour of sitting to him. The portrait of the Duchess of Parma, from the Bernal collection, dates from about 1640, when Suttermanns visited the court of Parma.

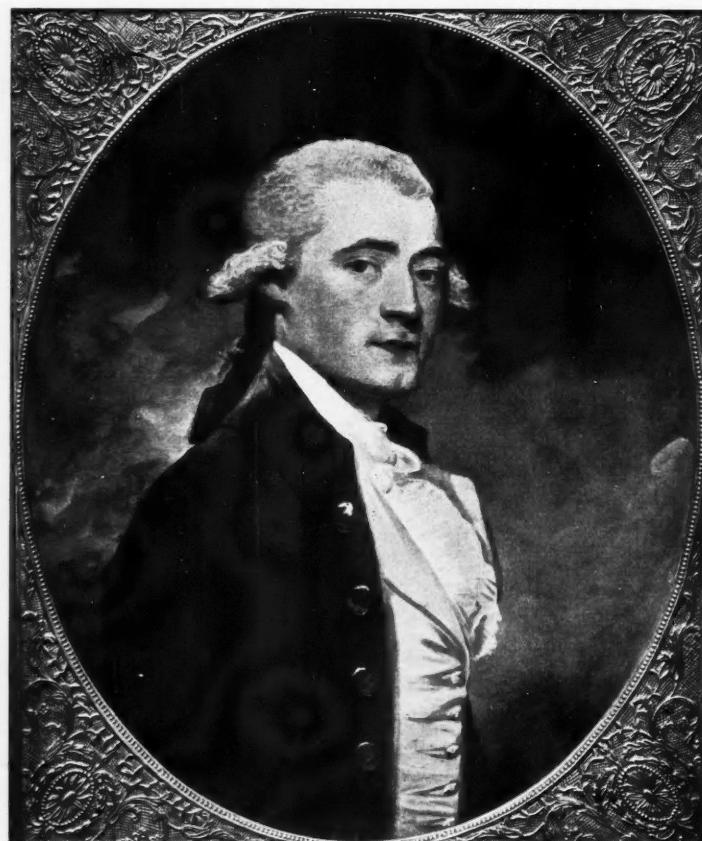
OLD LONDON

It was by the publication in 1842 of his *Original Views Of London As It Is* that Thomas Shotter Boys became widely recognised as a fine topographical draughtsman. These lithographs of London were issued in two states, plain and coloured; and at Messrs. Leggatt's is an exhibition of the coloured lithographs—views which are delightful from their precise draughtsmanship, their delicate indication of colour values and their feeling for design. These views of a London which has to a great extent disappeared or changed, are interesting to-day not only as a record of the architecture, but of the costumes, conveyances and street life of that early Victorian period.

AN EXHIBITION OF NEEDLEWORK

The exhibition of needlework at Messrs. Mallett's of Bond Street includes some remarkable examples of that peculiarly English art "whose treasures remain lasting relics of human culture, lessons of skill, patience and taste." Among Elizabethan needlework there are two outstanding pieces: one, the gauntlet of a glove worked in silk in tent-stitch and a variety of other stitches, some being raised on coloured lace on a silver network ground, and enriched with gold purl, the design being carried out in pea flowers and pods, vines and honeysuckle. The second is a set dated 1594, and designed in eight panels with scenes from the Life of Jacob. It is worked in fine tent-stitch, in which quite a considerable amount of gold thread is introduced; and the colouring is remarkably well preserved. There is a well preserved needlework picture in fine tent-stitch, depicting the Proclamation of the young King Solomon, with Nathan the prophet on the right, and on the left Zadok the priest with the book of the law. While the ground is of tent-stitch, the faces are of satin, and a variety of other stitches are used for the costumes. A casket of the early Restoration period, worked on the front with Abraham dismissing Hagar, and on the top with Sarah and Isaac, bears an interesting piece of documentary evidence in writing. It reads: "The cabinet was made by my mother's grandmother, who was educated at Hackney School. After the plague in London all the young ladies' works were destroyed, that they were about at that time. She left school soon after; therefore this was made then, viz., before 1665."

There are two walnut wing chairs dating from the early eighteenth century which are covered with attractive floral needlework. The covering of one example is worked in a floral design in brilliant colours upon a golden brown ground, while that of the second chair (which is original) is worked in reds, purples and yellows on a soft green. The braids and the material covering the back and sides of the chair are also original. A walnut settee with open arms, also dating from the early eighteenth century, is covered with a floral design on the seat, and on the tall back with a very bold and effective "tree of life" pattern worked in bright colours on a dark brown ground. J. DE SERRE.



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To the technically minded person this exhibition, which is held in London once every two years, is undoubtedly of even greater interest than the private motor car show, but this year it is better than ever before.

It is also specially interesting to those who live in the country, as many firms have made a particular effort not only to cater for the farmers but also the owners of country estates.

There are an enormous number of vehicles in the show which have been built to meet special needs. One of the most important of these at the present time is the horse box.

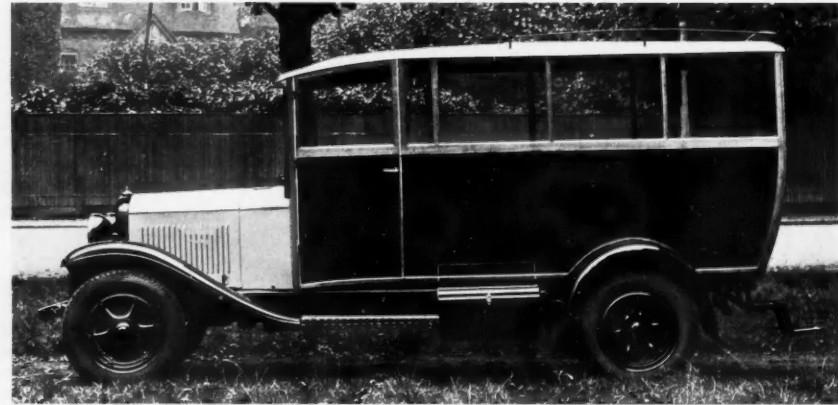
A few years ago a motor horse box was a comparative novelty, but now it is becoming almost a necessity to trainers and breeders.

Since March 25th this year until November 1st one firm of transport contractors in the Dorset and Wilts area, namely, the Lambourne Race Horse Transport Service, has carried to all parts of the country by road 1,280 horses, covering a distance of 92,624 miles.

Many other firms of transport contractors are offering this type of service. Daimler Hire have a large fleet of Hammond type boxes, and the railway companies are also taking part.

We illustrate a two-stall road motor horse box of the Hammond type which the London and North Eastern Railway have placed in service at Malton, Yorks, for the conveyance of racehorses.

The body is mounted on a Morris Viceroy chassis, and the accommodation



A SALOON OMNIBUS BUILT BY THE KELSO MOTOR COMPANY FOR THE EARL OF ANCASTER

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The body framework is made of ash with panels of steel-faced plywood, while the vehicle is electrically lighted throughout.

At the Olympia Show another interesting body made to the specifications and under the patents of Messrs. Hammond of Newmarket was shown on the stand of

Messrs. Strachan, who had one of these boxes mounted on a Commer chassis.

These Hammond boxes are made to convey one, two, three or four horses, and the two-horse type on the Commer chassis costs £898 10s.

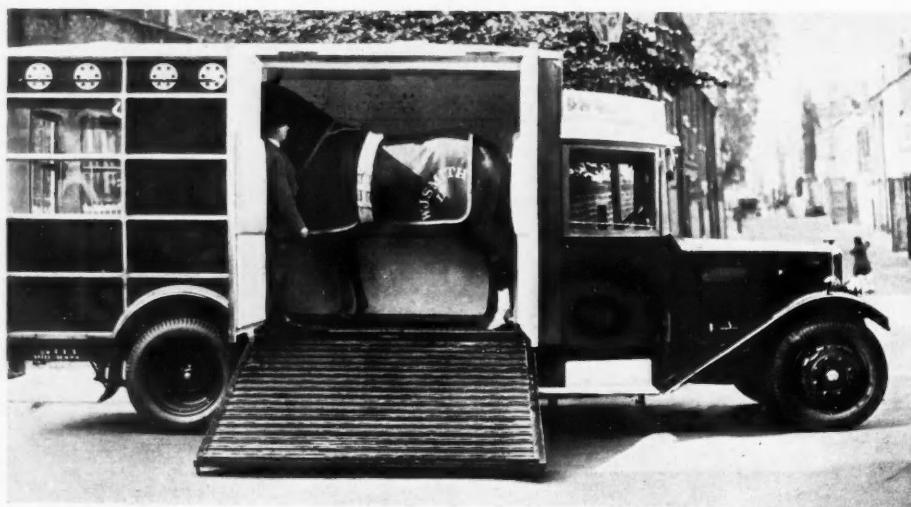
Eccles Motor Caravans of Birmingham are also well known for the manufacture of this type of vehicle. At Olympia they were showing a two-horse box mounted on a Chevrolet chassis. Provision is made for two grooms, and it is possible to turn one of the seats into a bed when necessary. The partition between the horses is detachable, thus making it possible to carry a mare and foal. The ramp is specially sprung so that it can be operated by a lad.

Another interesting vehicle on the Eccles stand is a dual-purpose vehicle consisting of an ultra low-loading horse box and a general utility lorry. On the stand a Chevrolet 30cwt. lorry was being used, but any low-loading lorry could be employed.

The idea is that anyone may have a light lorry which he can convert into a horse or cattle box with the trailer, which has a special attachment. The horse box can be detached in a few moments from the motor. The trailer is fitted with electric light and signal service from the groom to the driver.

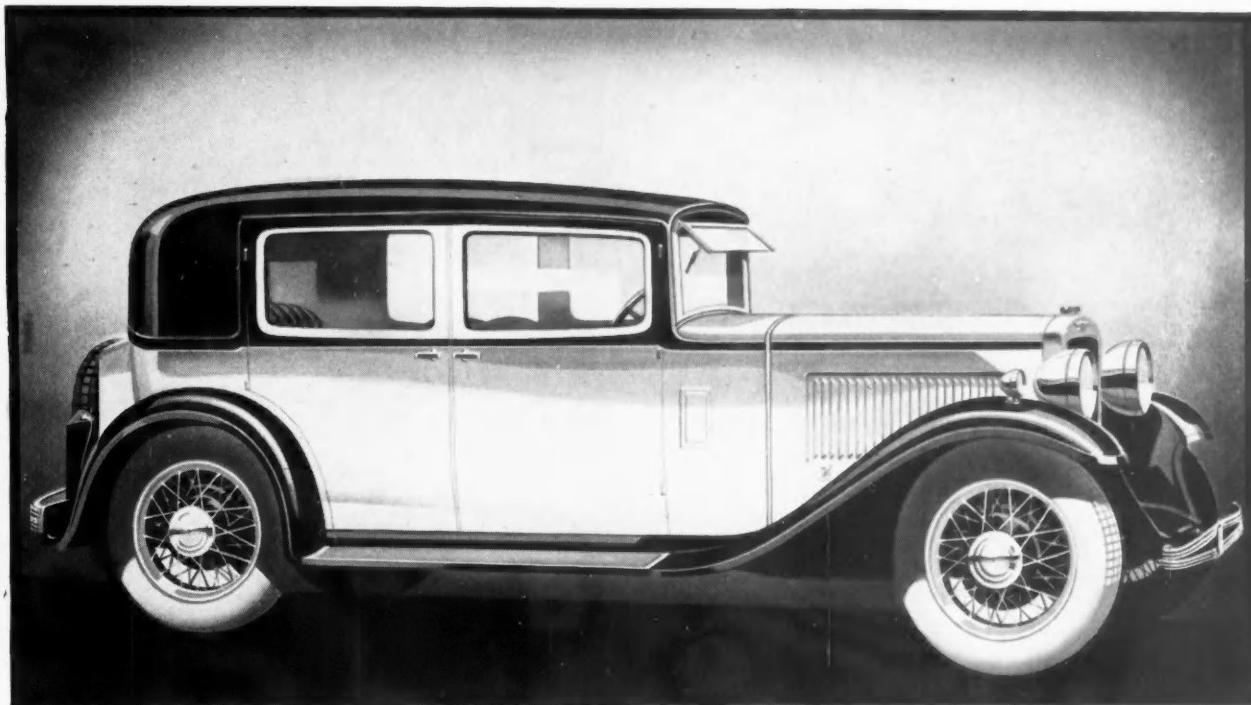
Vincent of Reading claim to have designed and built the first motor horse box in 1912. This year they have a fine selection for all purposes, and one of the most popular models is the "Super Two" horse box, the price of which runs from £750.

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Another interesting horse box which was to be seen on the stand of Messrs. Wilson of Kingston mounted on a Reo chassis was the Lambourne luxury patent horse box.

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Another horse box at the Show was on the stand of the Gilford Motor Company. It was fitted to their 32 h.p. six-cylinder chassis and carried two horses. An ingenious sling was provided for carrying an injured horse if necessary. The horse box was of the "Newns" type.

In addition to the horse boxes, Eccles

Motor Caravans, Limited, are showing some interesting trailers, the general utility trailer being the lowest priced. It will carry 6cwt. and costs £20.

For the countryman the chief interest of the exhibition was not necessarily confined to horse boxes. On some chassis there were interesting bodies designed to carry all sorts of livestock and for use on the farm.

One of the most interesting of these was made by Messrs. Jennings of Sandbach, and comprised seven bodies in one. It was mounted on a Guy chassis with six-cylinder engine. It could be used as an open platform lorry, for general haulage with hinged detachable mahogany boards, as a market gardener's lorry with detachable cratches and boards, as a plain cattle truck for carrying horses and as a truck suited to carry various other types of live-

stock. The body is of the low-loading type and there are no wheel arches.

Another interesting exhibit at this Show was fitted to a Thornycroft chassis. This consisted of an endless belt which made up the floor of the lorry so that loading and unloading any sort of goods was greatly facilitated.

The compression ignition engines of the Diesel type attracted a great deal of attention at the Show. The Gardner was one of the most popular British engines, while the Armstrong-Saurer also was undoubtedly one of the most beautiful chassis in the exhibition.

MOTORING NOTES

SOME time ago in these columns I had occasion to review the Hillman Wizard "75" and was then greatly impressed with the car. Recently, however, I had an opportunity of doing a short run on a stock car, and found it, if anything, still better than the vehicle that I had originally tried.

It was not the full saloon, but the sports saloon, this time, and the first thing that struck me was the extraordinary amount of room there was in the body for this type of coachwork. Generally speaking, sports saloons are more in the nature of occasional four-seaters, the back seats not being intended for anything but occasional use and providing but little leg room.

In the sports saloon Wizard, however, there is more leg room in the back seats than in many alleged full-sized saloons, while at the same time there is a large compartment at the rear for luggage.

Incidentally, this car is slightly higher priced than the family saloon, costing £299, and it represents really remarkable value.

There is plenty of life, the acceleration being

remarkable, while the controllability of the whole vehicle is a marked feature.

SUPERCHARGERS

Outside the pure motor racing fans it is really remarkable how few people really understand what supercharging means.

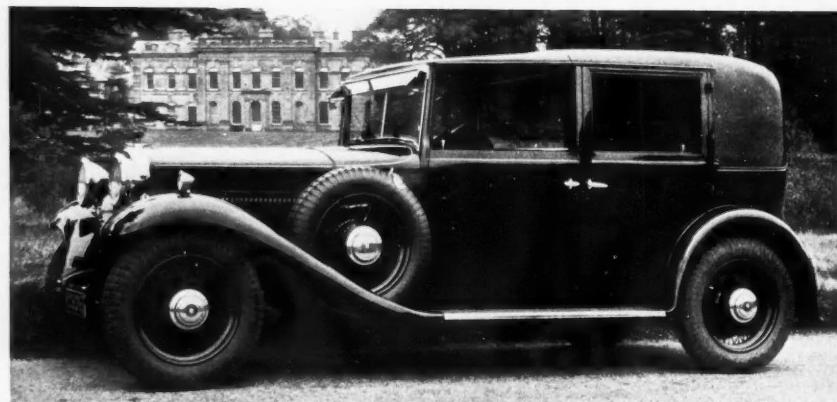
The other day I came across a young man, who ought to have known better and seemed to have quite a considerable knowledge of cars, who insisted that the sports model of a well known make which he possessed was supercharged. He became quite indignant when I merely suggested that I had never heard of the particular firm concerned even thinking of fitting a

supercharger. However, I stuck to my point, and finally prevailed on him to show me his car. On lifting the bonnet, all that was revealed was a perfectly normal type of down-draught carburettor, which he apparently imagined was a supercharger.

For the benefit of the uninitiated, it is necessary to explain that supercharging is a mechanical means of forcing the mixture of petrol and air into the cylinders.

In the normal car the suction of the engine is all that is used to draw in the air over the jet or jets of the carburettor; but a supercharger is a form of fan which either blows or sucks the air into the engine at increased pressure. The obvious reason for supercharging is to get more mixture into the cylinders, especially at high speeds; but another advantage that has been found is that the mixture is more effectively mixed by the rotating blades of the supercharger, and many cars after supercharging will actually run slower and more evenly than before.

Superchargers are of two types, namely, those that blow air through the carburettor and those that suck the mixture from the



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DRIVING IN A BOMBARDMENT

My experience of driving on the night of November 5th was not altogether pleasant. Even if one's nerves are of iron, repeated explosions going off almost under one's wheels at critical moments are apt to make one swerve dangerously.

I am convinced that many accidents which, in the past, were attributed to burst tyres were really largely due to the nerves of the driver and not to any actual effect on the car of the deflated tyre.

There is a well known story which is supposed to be true of two Frenchmen in a sports car tearing along one of the long, straight *routes nationales* under a blazing sky at about 120 kilometres an hour. Suddenly there is a terrific explosion, the car sways violently, while the driver wrestles with the wheel. The car leaves the road, charges between two telegraph poles, and finally comes to rest, not badly damaged, on the grass verge. Passenger and driver spring out and the former congratulates the latter on his skill in bringing the car to rest successfully. They then walk round the car to find which tyre has burst and caused them to leave the road: but the only tyre that is not intact is the one on the spare wheel bracket.

TATRA CARS

To inaugurate the opening of their new show rooms at Byron House, St. James's Street, Philip Turner, Limited, have introduced a car which, while well known on the Continent, is hardly known over this side of the Channel.

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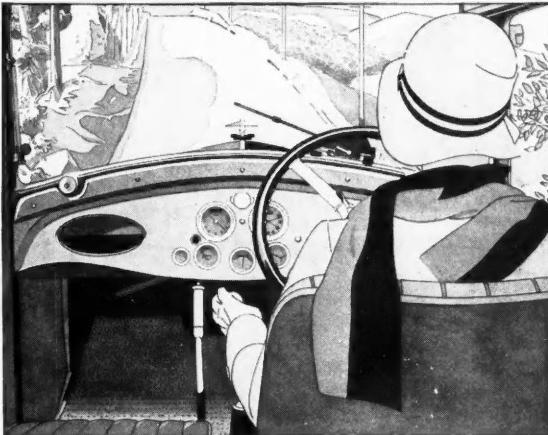
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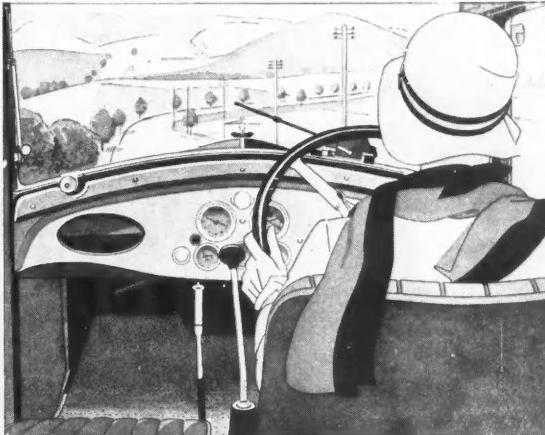




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AVIATION NOTES

A NEW STANDARD IN FLYING TRAINING. AIR SERVICE TRAINING PROGRESS

By MAJOR OLIVER STEWART

IT was on June 25th that the Duke of Gloucester opened Air Service Training at Hamble Aerodrome and thereby started an organisation which, it now seems certain, will exercise a profound influence upon the standard of flying skill, methods of training and even the whole scope of aviation in this country and in many other parts of the world. From what I saw and heard when I visited Hamble the other day I am ready to maintain that Air Service Training will take an important place in aeronautical history in the future.

The school was first thought of by Mr. J. D. Siddeley, to whom aviation owes a great deal apart from his direct influence through Armstrong Siddeley, Limited. He set himself the ideal—then an extremely idealistic ideal!—of making the teaching of flying a serious, comprehensive and professional business and of removing the amateur and haphazard elements. He presented his idea to Group-Captain Barton, who, as it were, clothed it in reality. With the aid of Flight-Lieutenant Jenkins, the chief instructor; of Flight-Lieutenant R. P. P. Pope and a well chosen staff of other instructors, both for air and ground work, Group-Captain Barton brought into existence a new and a notable thing.

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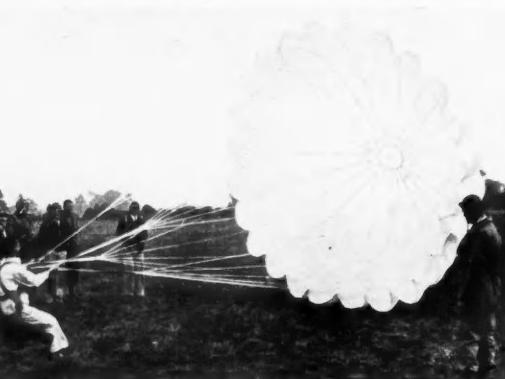
There is nothing else like it in England or, I am assured by those who have made a study of foreign flying training methods, abroad. It is modelled upon the Central Flying School, and owes a great deal to Royal Air Force methods; but in some ways it goes farther than the C.F.S., and it places its services at the disposal of the civilian who is unable by any other means to experience the benefits of Service training.

I have mentioned in my previous Aviation Notes how the School has set the fashion of blind flying and how that fashion is now being followed by nearly every other important school in the country. There are other things in which Air Service Training will set a fashion. Its night flying course; its use of parachutes (pupils are never allowed in the air without their parachutes); its aerobatics and thorough ground instruction are all things which must in the future become general.

A pupil may place himself in the hands of his instructors with the knowledge that they will teach him not only flying, but aviation from A to Z.

WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Air Service Training should appeal in particular to three classes of people: first,



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those amateur pilots who desire to improve their flying technique and to master such things as advanced aerobatics and blind and night flying; second, sons of parents who desire to fit them for a profession after they have left their public school; and third, officers of foreign air services who wish to obtain the advantages of the methods adopted in the Royal Air Force, methods which are admittedly superior to those employed elsewhere.

When I visited Hamble I made the criticism that there are too few good flying jobs available to make it worth while for parents to have their sons thoroughly trained as pilots. I argued that parents are willing to spend many hundreds of pounds on training their sons to be, for example, doctors, because they may be reasonably certain that by so doing they are setting them up for life. They cannot, I suggested, at the present moment be so sure in flying. Group-Captain Barton, however, answered this criticism with perfect cogency by pointing out that, however uncertain the times, however currencies may fluctuate and countries rise and fall, aviation is the industry and profession of the future. It is the one and only industry and profession of which it may be said, with confidence, that it will grow and go on growing. For many years to come flying will be going ahead and will be demanding the services of more and more trained men. Every day more pilot instructors are needed, more commercial air pilots, more organisers with full flying experience and qualifications.

For the truly skilled pilot there cannot be for long any difficulty in finding a situation. Therefore, parents who look ahead will do well to consider their sons' suitability for this profession of the future.

EFFECT ON FLYING

Group-Captain Barton and Flight-Lieutenant Jenkins pointed out to me that

their aim was to see that the pilot trained there acquired the highest degree of skill of which he was capable. He will be trained to a high standard in everything from taxiing across the aerodrome to working out and flying on a long course. He will, therefore, be able to do all that the pilots of to-day do with confidence, ease and safety.

That is good. But what I believe to be better is that pilots so trained will not be satisfied with doing what their predecessors have done with confidence, ease and safety, but will desire to do more.

It is here that I think one of the school's most important services to aviation in general will be done. Its pilots will branch out and begin to extend the whole scope of flying. With their comprehensive training behind them they will be prepared to set out in worse weather than their predecessors, and they will still be able to get through. They will fly by night without misgivings or nervous strain; they will fly blind when necessary, knowing that they can extricate their machine from any position it gets into while within clouds.

Air Service Training is not only placing a means of entering one of the most progressive professions within reach of young men of the right age, but it is also helping to advance aeronautics and to bring the aeroplane into the class of transport vehicles which are used at all times for all kinds of journey and not merely for special occasions when the conditions are particularly suitable.

THE MACHINES

Fourteen machines are used at Hamble and they include Avians, Atlases and Sisks. More than 160 pupils have already passed through the courses, and of these eight have passed through the blind flying course. The Hon. Mrs. Victor Bruce is one of these, and I hear that Lady Bailey is also proposing to do the blind flying course.

During September 735 hours were flown, which is the highest figure yet recorded for any one month by the school. The living quarters are on the aerodrome, which is an advantage, and the catering and accommodation scheme in general is run like a club, no profits being made.

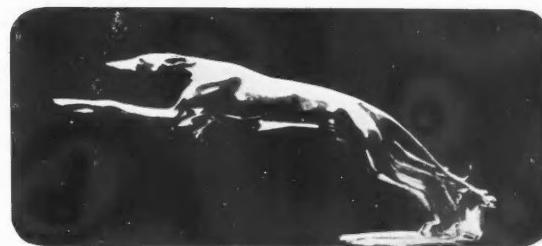
So self-contained is the school and so devoted to their work are the pupils that one has rather the impression of an aeronautical monastery, with the acolytes attending to their duties with almost religious zeal!

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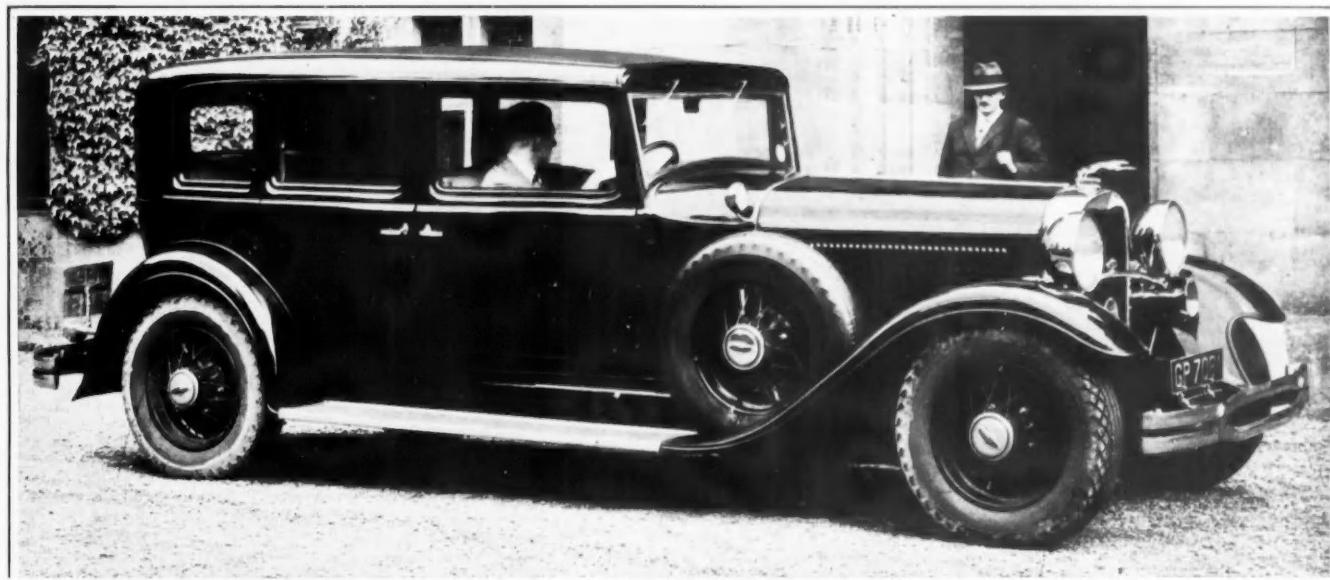
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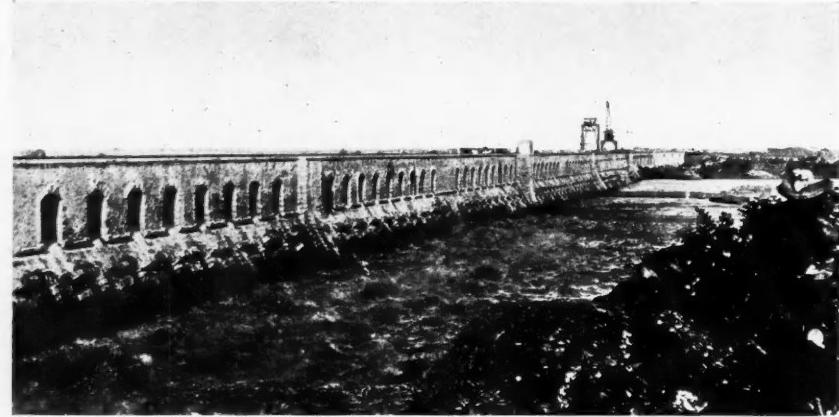
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PROBABLY nowhere in the whole world is the climate between December and March more delightful than in the northern Sudan. Sunshine in the daytime can always be relied upon, but the northerly breeze prevents the heat from becoming too evident. The nights are cool, and the extreme dryness of the desert air, combined with the drop in temperature after sundown, makes a delightful contrast to the semi-tropical daytime conditions. Assuan may be called the gateway to the Sudan, for, although that country does not actually begin until Halfa is reached, some miles to the south, most people make that town their starting point, as it is the most delightful spot in Egypt. The justly famous Cataract Hotel commands a wonderful view of yellow sand-covered hills, with out-jutting rocks of a deep purple colour, while in the Nile itself are many islands of a vivid green. About forty minutes' donkey ride from Assuan is the island of Philæ, on which is a singularly beautiful temple. Near it is a perfectly preserved smaller shrine, built in Roman days and generally known as Pharaoh's Bed. Unfortunately, close inspection of these temples is usually impossible nowadays, as the vast quantity of water held up by the great Assuan barrage has resulted in the partial submerging of the Philæ buildings. The dam itself is well worth a visit, for it is the largest of its kind in the world and is an extraordinarily impressive sight. Most visitors to Assuan will have made their way thither by steamboat up the Nile from Cairo. The steamboat service, which is carried out by fast and extremely comfortable vessels, is entirely in the hands of an English firm, Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son. The trip up-river to Assuan takes seven days if started at Asyut, which may be reached by train from Cairo; but halts will have been made at several places in order to permit of passengers viewing some of the chief antiquities of Lower Egypt. For those who prefer more expeditious



ASSUAN: THE GREAT DAM

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FROM CAIRO TO ASSUAN

Among the places of interest visited en route is Dendera, from which a short ride brings one to a wonderfully well preserved temple which was dedicated to the Egyptian Venus, Hathor, and is closely associated with Queen Cleopatra, whose portrait and that of her son are to be seen on the wall of the temple. The next stop is at Luxor, where the precipitous limestone cliffs recede into the distance, leaving a broad and fertile plain. On the Luxor side of the river are the great temples of Karnak, one of which—that dedicated to the God Amen—is one of the wonders of the world. Its great hall covers an area of 6,000 sq. yds. and, with its 134 columns, is wonderfully impressive. On the far side of the river, at the edge of the plain, is the terraced temple of Queen Hatasu, the Rameseum and the Tombs of the Kings, more famous than ever since the excavation of the tomb of Tutankhamen. The principal tombs are

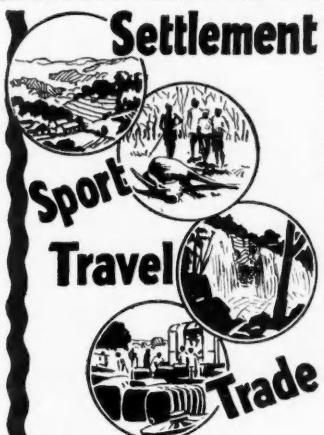
readily accessible and are lighted by electricity. The walls are covered with beautiful paintings depicting the dead king accompanied by the sun god sailing through the underworld at night, finally rising with the sun to a new life in the next world. Owing to the dry air of Egypt, the colours of the paintings are as vivid as on the day they were painted, thousands of years ago. Another remarkable temple is that at Edfu, which is between Luxor and Assuan. It is in a state of almost perfect preservation and, by comparison, enables one to visualise what the Karnak temples must have looked like in their prime. A climb to the summit of the huge pylon which forms the entrance to the temple is well worth the toil, as there is an exceptionally attractive view of the whole countryside as well as of the river. Again, at Komombo is another temple which is unique in that it is duplex, one shrine being dedicated to Sebek, the evil deity, and the other to Amen. Like the Tombs of the Kings, its mural decorations are of rare beauty, and among them are representations of surgical instruments in use at the time, many of them identical with their modern successors.

ON THE WAY TO KHARTOUM

After leaving Assuan, on the trip southward, the Nile flows through fast-narrowing banks and the scenery grows wilder and grander. High above it, at Dendur, is a temple built by the Emperor Augustus, which, in the early morning, when the glow of dawn has softened the outlines of its columns and bastions, looks like a fairy palace. But the most glorious of all the Egyptian temples is that of Rameses at Abu Simbel. It is a vast structure cut out of the solid rock, the face of which, sloping down to the river, was cut away to form the front of the temple, which is ornamented by four colossal statues of Rameses II seated on thrones. One of these statues has disappeared from the knees upwards, but the other three are nearly perfect. They are marvellously impressive as they sit there, calm and dignified, with hands on knees and a smile on their lips, which curve with a delicacy of execution amazing in figures of such colossal size. Not far above Abu Simbel



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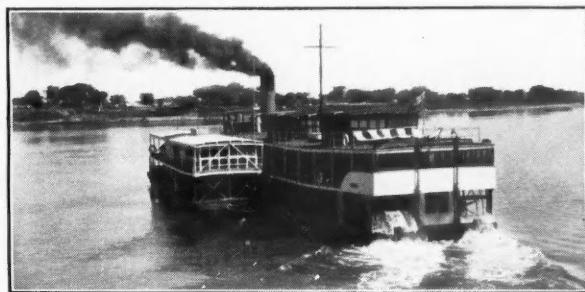
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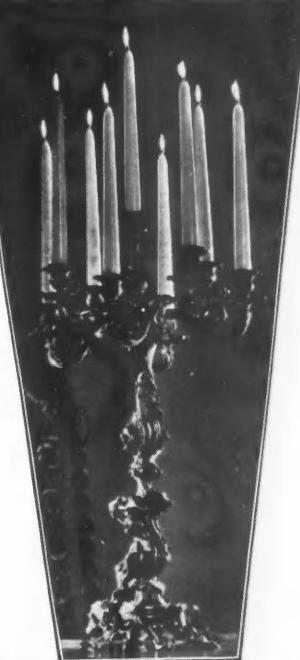
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is Halfa, the first British post in the Sudan, which is the northern terminus of the desert railway to Khartoum. It is a historic town, with many relics of campaigns against the Mahdi, while a note of home is struck by the excellent sports club and a nine-hole golf course. The train from Halfa enters the wide expanse of the Nubian Desert, which is almost without a sign of life until the Nile is once more approached near Abu Hamed. At Atbara the line from Port Sudan on the Red Sea joins the main line. Khartoum, raised over 1,000ft. above sea level, enjoys a prevailing northerly breeze during the winter months, when it is seldom uncomfortably hot. The imposing palace of the Governor-General is built on the site of the building in which Gordon lived, and in the gardens, which have been considerably enlarged and improved since his day, is still a rose tree which is known as Gordon's Tree. Other notable buildings in Khartoum are the Cathedral, the Government offices, the Mosque (which is the largest in the Sudan) and the Gordon College, erected and endowed from funds collected by the late Lord Kitchener, which is run on the lines of an English Public School and educates 500 native boys. Across the Nile is Omdurman, mud-walled and mud-housed, one of the largest native cities in Africa. The native bazaar or *Suk* is surprisingly clean, and one can spend hours inspecting the various wares without being assailed by the indescribable odours so common

in other Eastern cities. Khartoum is the junction of the Blue and White Niles, and

the latter is navigable for over 1,000 miles to Rejaf, whence the traveller may proceed by motor to Uganda or Kenya Colony.



RAISING NILE WATER

SHOOTING NOTES—HIGH AND LOW BIRDS

THE flying qualities of pheasants are, on the whole, matters of opinion rather than of proven fact. Some people hold that the ring-neck or the versicolor is faster than the ordinary mixed bird, others claim special performance for the mutant or the Mongol; but it is not easy to come to any very reasoned conclusion. Perhaps slight differences exist, but here again it is not too easy to define what we mean when we say birds "fly well," for so much depends on the cover from which they are flushed.

What we like is the bird that climbs swiftly over tree-tops and goes away in a hurry as a fine high bird. The one we dislike is the bird which comes out below the trees, skims low over or even between guns, lands fifty yards behind them and legs it the rest of the way. Both these types will present themselves in a beat where conditions are really favourable, and there is no excuse for the casual behaviour of the non-sporting bird.

I have kept as close a watch on extreme cases of either kind as is compatible with the conditions at shoots, and, so far, have not found that any one of the recognised types of pheasants is outstandingly bad or good. What does seem fairly clear, though, is that the really good cock is usually physically superior to the low-flying bird. The satisfactory rocketer is not necessarily an older bird (though often he is), but he is usually a rather heavier, better nourished bird. The low bird, on the other hand, is very often on the light side. Some are undoubtedly birds which have been pricked; others may not be fully matured or may have had their development retarded by gapes or illness.

If there is, as there appears to be, more than coincidence in this, it obviously means that the healthy, well fed bird is the best flyer, and that an undue preponderance of low birds suggests a physical

reason. Certainly we find on one shoot birds going well, and we note with appreciation that they are splendid table birds. On another the birds show indifferently, and it is quite plain that they are not up to the same table standard as the others.

The same points seem to tell when birds are walked up out of roots or rough. The good ones rise far higher in their initial climb than the weaker brethren; but some of the largest, which are the oldest, make use of their experience and are reluctant to rise at all.

In addition to development there are matters of temperament to be taken into account. We may, perhaps, doubt that any of the varieties of pheasant differ very much in high rising capacity, but I think that the bird of more nervous temperament obliges us by rising earlier and with more impulsive determination than a more placid type of bird. I have always favoured the dark necks for this, and consider them earlier starters than the ring-necks or Mongolians. They do not seem to cling to cover with the same stolid affection, and they can be got out early in the year when the beaters fail to make much impression on the others. It is a little difficult to give any proof of this belief, but I think that where ground is stocked with, roughly, equal proportions of black and ring necks it will be found that the black-necks are gathered in fairly early and that the proportion surviving in December is materially less than that of the ring-necks.

The mutant seems to have no special temperament and flies just as well as other birds. He may seem a trifle less lethargic than the big ring-necks, but this is probably only because one notices him more.

The third factor one has to take into account is weather. On a really good frosty morning, with enough sun to take the edge out of the air, birds flush well and easily. On a damp, muggy day they may not show

as well. Whether this is due to atmosphere or whether the movement of a line of beaters makes more intimidating noises when everything is crisp with frost is not so easily determined.

The conditions which make pheasants lie like stones instead of rising at all are not yet understood. At this time of the year there are always places where the keeper says: "They will never get them out of that"; and experience shows that the birds lie up, walk back, or do anything except rise and come forward. The situation is not one that can be cured, but I believe it can often be alleviated. Most beaters go through this kind of tangle too quickly and too noisily. A steadier advance of half the men simply tapping two sticks together seems to get much more on the birds' nerves. Then, in place of squatting, they move forward, congregating towards the end of the cover, where they alarm one another.

Often one sees a drive taken to a point where, however good the birds, conditions are wholly against their rising well. A long wood will be taken down to a point where there is a group of really tall old trees, with little undergrowth below them. Here the birds rise below the main tree growth and come out as low birds. In nine cases out of ten it would be better to run wire netting across and form a flushing point at the best gap before the birds get under the tall timber canopy. They will then rise over the trees instead of beneath them. As it is, we often take drives the traditional way, "as it always has been," and tend to ignore the slow but very definite changes in the growth.

It is, I think, improbable that one kind of pheasant "flies" very materially different from others; but a little thought spent in deciding how to present the birds may mean the conversion of a rather dull, workaday stand into a really interesting one.

H. B. C. P.

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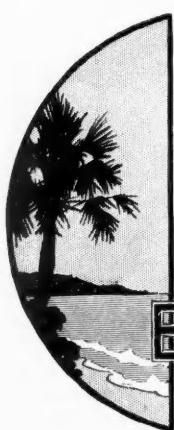
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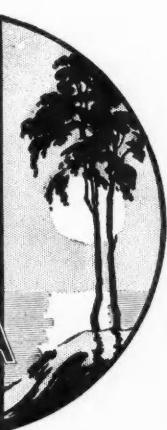


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AN UNCOMMON SHRUB

ALTHOUGH introduced over a century ago from the Himalayas, *Piptanthus nepalensis* has never found its way into general cultivation, and except for specimens in botanical collections and in specialists' gardens, it is seldom seen. It is a singularly handsome shrub, but, unfortunately, not too hardy, which may account for its absence in many gardens. It will thrive, however, in most gardens that are favoured with a good climate or where it has a sheltered position. In southern gardens it is generally seen against a wall, where it will reach a height of well over twelve feet, but it will succeed quite well in the open and form an ornamental upright, twiggy bush of some eight or nine feet high, as is shown by the accompanying illustration of a fine vigorous-growing specimen in full flower at the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh. It is a distinguished member of the pea family, and its sprays of bright yellow pea-like flowers, which are borne in profusion and show up well against the dark green leafage, provide an attractive display in May. Another closely allied species, *P. tomentosus*, except for its more ovate leaves, is almost identical in character from a garden standpoint, and the more recently introduced *P. concolor* from Western China, which makes a shrub of about six or seven feet and carries dense clusters of yellow blossoms, also bears a close resemblance to the older *P. nepalensis*. They are handsome



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and ornamental shrubs when in flower with their showy clusters of yellow bloom, and they are well worthy of a place against a wall if they cannot be trusted in the open. T.

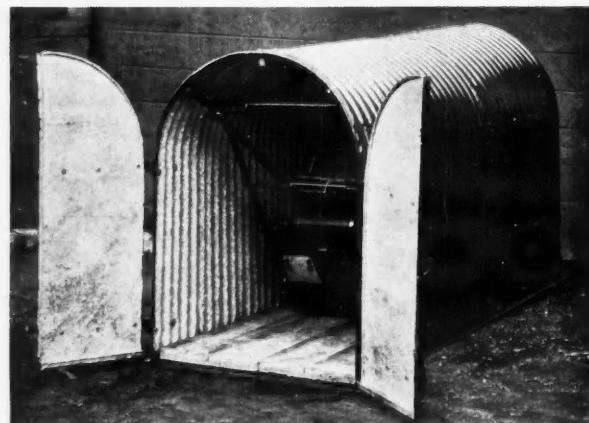
SUPERINTENDENT OF HAMPTON COURT GARDENS

MR. W. J. HEPBURN, at present superintendent of Greenwich Park, has been appointed by the Office of Works superintendent of the gardens at Hampton Court, in succession to Mr. W. J. Marlow, who is retiring early next month after thirty years' service. Descended from Scottish gardening stock and trained at the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, Mr. Hepburn has a wide experience of all branches of gardening, and particularly the floral aspect now practised so successfully in all public parks and gardens. As assistant superintendent in Richmond Park for three years, and then as superintendent at Bushey Park for a short time and afterwards at Greenwich, he has shown marked distinction and revealed a wide and sound knowledge of horticulture and its allied branches, combined with considerable artistic taste in the decorative use of plants and the ability to translate his ideas into practice. He had opportunities for gardening at Bushey Park which he was not slow to take advantage of, and the charming woodland

garden to the making of which he devoted himself during his three years there showed him to be a good plantsman and landscape gardener of no mean order, imbued with a fine sense of natural gardening and possessing a wide knowledge of all plants and particularly the many recent introductions to our garden flora that lend themselves to this treatment and which are best seen in a natural setting by the streamside and in the half-shade of thin woodland. At Greenwich he was no less successful with the more decorative style of flower gardening, and the displays in the beds and borders during the last two or three years have been especially beautiful and have combined interest and instruction with their beauty, as those who have visited the park will know.

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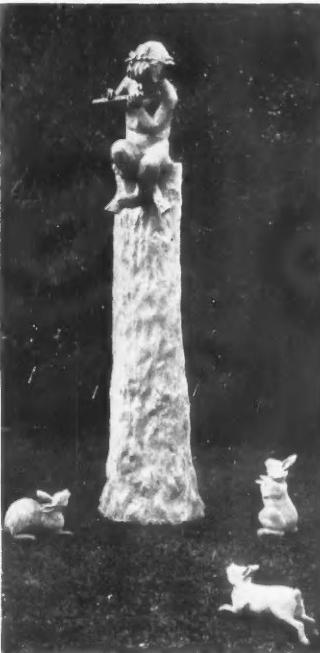
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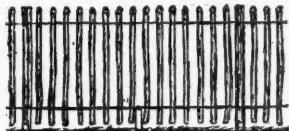
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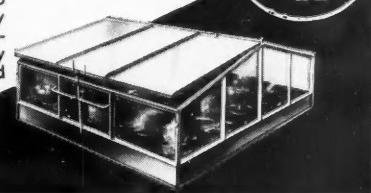
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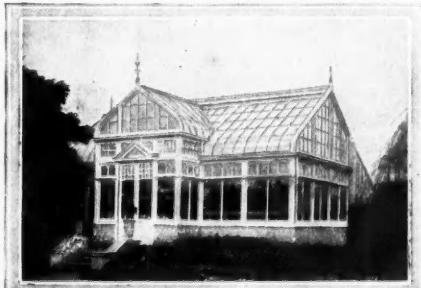
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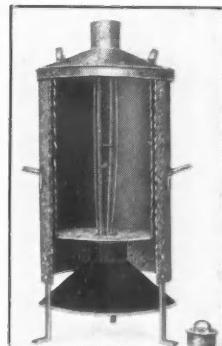
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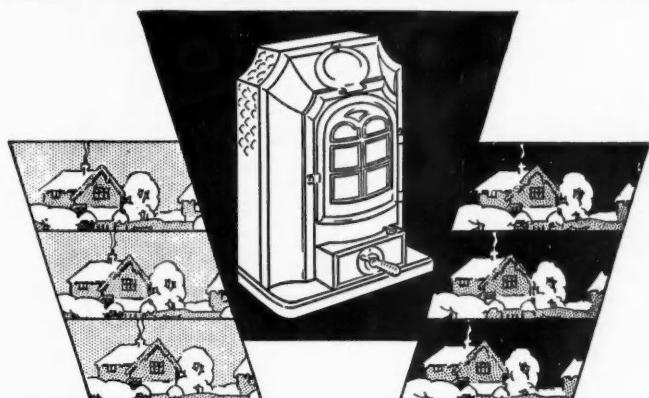


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THIS brief account of the life of Edward Jenner is very welcome, both because it is nearly a hundred years since Baron's "Life," in two volumes, was published, and because Dr. Dawtrey Drewitt writes a plain unvarnished tale, enjoyable even by those who are neither doctors nor naturalists, about a man great, good, and of a singular, most lovable modesty. Not everyone to-day remembers that it was Jenner who discovered the reprehensible and all but incredible habits of the young cuckoo in its foster-parent's nest. The hostile reception with which this discovery met was an earnest of what was to follow when the same patient and unprejudiced observer made his discovery of vaccination; for at all periods "the vast majority of men hate and despise what is superior to them." Jenner's discovery made continual headway; he treed the human race from one of its greatest scourges: but the discoverer became a target for all envy, malice and uncharitableness. The man who in youth had been John Hunter's pupil, assistant and friend, and who had declined brilliant medical prospects because of his great love for his native Vale of Berkeley and the quiet, simple life of the country, was forced in middle age, by his discovery and his sense of duty towards it, into a publicity that was hateful to him. "And as for fame, what is it?" he writes, at a time when he was being promised £10,000 a year in London. "A gilded butt, for ever pierced with the arrows of malignancy. The name of John Hunter stamps this observation with the signature of truth." And how fine is what Jenner writes about the qualifications of a doctor: "A man must be guided by his own genius. . . . Neither books, lectures, nor the longest experience are sufficient to store the mind with the indescribable something a man of our profession should possess." It is good to re-read the details in the life of a man who had this "indescribable something" to such a degree, and yet whose modesty was so innate that he even contrived to look like nothing more than an unassuming country gentleman, as the portrait in this book testifies.

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Seven Days, by Andreas Latzka. (Cassell, 7s. 6d.)

THIS story describes the adventures of a Baron Maugien, a car magnate of Germany. He leaves his wife and family on Christmas Eve and goes off to Berlin to spend Christmas with his mistress, Frau von Brenken, giving an urgent business excuse. He is recognised by one of his workmen, a certain Karl Abt, who hates him and the system he represents, and is full of resentment and rage against life in general. He makes up his mind to blackmail this noted and prosperous man and, suspecting some intrigue, tracks him to Frau von Brenken's house and surprises the guilty pair. He demands from the Baron, not money, but that he should change clothes with him and for three days live the life of a poor working man and taste the discomfort of tenement life. The Baron complies most reluctantly, finding himself in a great fix. They have no sooner completed the exchange when the lady's husband, Major von Brenken, returns unexpectedly, and seeing a man dressed like the Baron, shoots and kills Karl Abt. Among the other characters is a Dr. Landau, son of a millionaire. He discards his father and his father's wealth, works for the poor entirely and is a reformer of society. There is much that is interesting in the book, and the Baron's sensations and revulsions as a poor working man are amusingly described; but the story strikes one, in parts at least, as rather dully told, in spite of good material. It must be recorded that the Baron, after harrowing experiences, returns to his wife with new ideas of his responsibilities towards his workmen. And so it would seem that poor Karl Abt has not died in vain.

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The Old People, by J. D. Beresford. (Collins, 7s. 6d.)

IT is welcome news that Mr. Beresford has begun another trilogy. In *The Old People* he writes the first volume of the three which will have for general title "Three Generations," and which will deal with the Hillingtons, a family of "the lesser Squirearchy," from the year 1867 to the year 1932. The present volume carries us as far as 1895, and shows us the amiably weak Miles Hillington, his unamiable strong wife Barbara, and three of their children, in youth and early manhood and womanhood. Obviously, for a purpose such as Mr. Beresford has in mind, there must be a good deal of spadework, and foundations must be soundly laid. *The Old People* does this, and leaves us understanding the social and family atmosphere in which the young Hillingtons have grown up, and interested in the widely contrasted characters of Bob and Owen: the one with his feet already firmly planted on the ladder of legal and social success, his eye firmly fixed on the main chance; the other starting life as an engineer, but possessed of a sensitiveness, a sympathy and a love of beauty that are foreign both to his brother and his sister Babs, although these qualities are faintly present in his father. The next volume is to be chiefly the life stories of the two brothers, taking in the periods both of the Boer War and the Great War; while the third volume will be that of the third generation—the generation "without a hold-fast." We look forward keenly to these succeeding volumes, for Mr. Beresford is so eminently fitted, with his gifts of alert observation and delicate understanding, to take the mental and spiritual temperature of the English race in the times through which we are all living.

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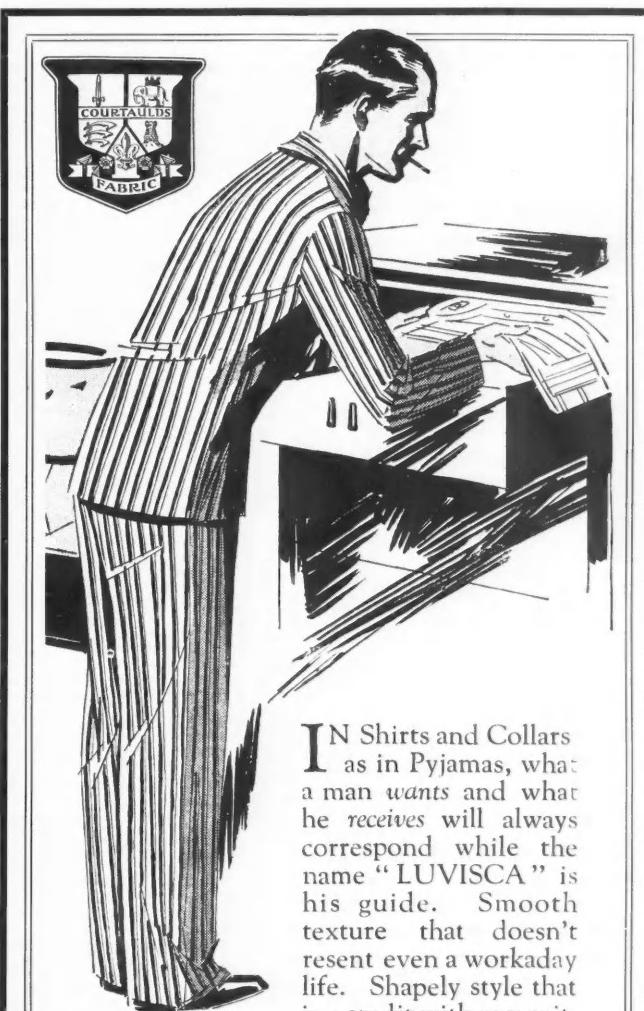
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